



HARTLEPOOL
BOROUGH COUNCIL

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Department:

Division:

Date of Decision / Issue
of Licence: 20/01/2025

Officer Making Decision: MRS DG MCGUCKIN

Subject / Description &
Reason for Decision:
(for publication)

The allocation of £70,000 from the 'Recovery' grant to commission a comprehensive piece of work to be completed by 'Belong.' This will include work on community engagement for the development of a cohesion strategy/plan to support recovery following the riots in Hartlepool.

'Belong' are a leading national organisation in relation to community cohesion, acting as a think tank organisation to Central Government and working across the country with local authorities they have a track record of delivering positive engagement and outcomes in relation to community tensions and building cohesion.

A governance structure relating to this grant has been established to lead on recovery, this includes a finance and legal workstream to support allocation of resource. This includes the Leader, MD, Executive Director ACBS, Director Legal and HR, Director Finance and Digital and Chair of ACBS Committee.

Type of Decision: Key

Forward Plan entry number: Not in the forward plan as this is recovery work that is being determined through impact assessments ongoing

Nature of Delegation
Being Exercised:

'Officer Delegation MD8 - Managing Director Urgent Decision as :

(a) Failure to take the decision quickly would, or would be likely to, harm the interests of the Council and the public.

(b) The decision is so urgent that it cannot wait until the next meeting of the Committee at which the decision would normally be taken.'

Due to time constraints linked to the funding a decision cannot wait until the next Finance and Policy Meeting

Alternative Options Considered & Rejected:	Other organisations were considered however there were none that could complete this work on a town wide basis and have the skills and expertise in community tensions, social cohesion and integration to provide the desired output.
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Any Declared Register of Interest:	No
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OFFICER WITH THE DELEGATION

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