

Record of Officer's Decision

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Date of Decision:	28 January 2026
Decision Maker (Officer):	Aimee Moore, Public Health Improvement Coordinator
Authority for Delegated Decision (Cabinet/Committee Decision or Scheme of Delegation – provide reference):	Part 3, Schedule 3 – Responsibility for Executive Functions delegated to Officers paragraph 4.3 (1) – the Corporate Director has delegated authority to discharge executive functions within their respective service areas (Part 3.38). All delegations are subject to consultation where considered appropriate in the circumstances (paragraph 4.3 (4(ii) – Part 3.39). The Corporate Director (insert) has delegated operational matters relating to the [insert subject matter] to the [insert title]. Portfolio Holder for Partnerships decision to accept £54,000 and sign the associated Memorandum of Understanding provided by Essex County Council for a Public Health Practitioner Post (£20,000) and provision of a health grant (£34,000) to promote health and wellbeing priorities. Decision - Acceptance of funding from Essex County Council for the Public Health Practitioner post and agreement to sign the related Memorandum of Understanding Portfolio Holder for Partnerships concurrence to commence the Singing for Lung Health pilot utilising Public Health grant funding – 18 March 2025
Identify which Portfolio Holder(s)/Committee Chairman consulted?	Cllr Gina Placey, Portfolio Holder for Partnerships
Ward Member(s) consulted?	Not required
Is it a Key Decision?	No

Is it subject to call-in?	No
Decision Made:	To select up to two music practitioners, following a request for quotation, to be funded to undertake training and to deliver singing groups in Tendring as part of the Singing for Lung Health pilot.
Reason for Decision (if a report was produced to support the Decision, refer to or attach it):	Tendring has higher than average levels of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and childhood Asthma. COPD is a long-term condition makes breathing more difficult and can make everyday tasks a challenge. Latest figures show that the rates of COPD in Tendring are 3%, this is higher than the Essex rate of 1.86%). There is currently no cure for COPD, but treatment can help slow the progression of the condition and control the symptoms. Asthma and Lung UK state that there is increasing evidence that singing regularly as part of a group is good for general health and wellbeing, and it seems to be especially good at improving quality of life for those living with a lung condition.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	Financial – If the project cannot be delivered for the allocated cost. Mitigation: The duration of the pilot will be reduced to ensure it remains on budget. Service Delivery - This project is not being delivered directly by TDC staff, but by external providers Safety - Funding has been set aside for relevant suitable training Reputation: If the pilot is a success but is not able to continue due to lack of funds. Mitigation: If there are proven long term condition benefits, then funding from health partners can be sought for the Sing for Lung Health Choir
NEW : Details of Local Government Reorganisation and/or Devolution considerations	This one year pilot will end before Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution take effect and so will not have an impact. Learnings may be taken forward by the future unitary authority.
Details of any Alternative Options Considered and rejected (together with reasons):	To not fund selected music practitioners who have demonstrated they have the skills and experience to deliver singing groups as part of the Singing for Lung Health pilot following a submission of quotation. This would not allow the pilot to progress using Public Health funding as agreed and would mean funding would have to be reallocated. The opportunity for practitioners to undertake the necessary Musical Breath training course, which only runs a few times per year, would also be missed, further delaying the project.
Details of any declarations of interest (by Portfolio	Not applicable

Holder/Committee Chairman who was consulted by the officer, which related to the decision) If relevant, a note of the dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer:		
Reason Decision, or supporting Report, is not published: <i>Tick one or more of the specific exemptions,</i> <u>and</u> <i>Give more information in the final box with regards to why the exemption applies and outweighs the public interest test (which is in favour of disclosure).</i>	X	Not applicable – Decision [and report] to be published
	If Report is not to be published – tick one of the following boxes:	
		The report supporting the Decision contains confidential information
		The Report supporting the Decision falls within an exemption pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Information:
		• Relates to an individual
		• Likely to reveal the identity of an individual
		• Relating to financial or business affairs of a person or organisation
		• Relates to a claim for legal professional privilege in legal proceedings
		• Reveals that the Council proposes to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or to make an order or direction under any enactment
		• Relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime
<u>And</u> is exempt if and so long, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information Reasons: [insert]		

Officers

Signed: Aimee Moore

Title: Public Health Improvement Coordinator

Signed:

Title:

In consultation with:

Signed: **Portfolio Holder For Partnerships**

Signed: **Section 151 Officer (if required)**

Signed: **Monitoring Officer (if required)**

Dated: