



WARD MEMBER DECISION
NUMBER

WB/22/23-153

Decision taken by: **Ward Member for North Downs West –
Councillor Jenny Hollingbee**

Subject: **Academy FM Folkestone**

Executive/non-executive decision: **Non-executive**

Date decision taken: **24 February 2023**

Name and address of applicant(s):

David Sharp
Academy FM Folkestone,
Folkestone Academy
Academy Lane,
Folkestone CT19 5FP

Name and description of project:

North Downs West – Stowting Primary Oracy
Academy FM will work with children struggling with reading & oracy in an extra-curricular project in a Primary school, using audio recording techniques to make improvements that would not be possible in a classroom setting.

DECISION:

To provide funding of £410 to the above project.

Reason for decision:

The APPG found that children experiencing disadvantage and poverty need help with oracy the most – while Stowting Primary is a high-performing school there are pupils who struggle with confidence and oracy, and some come from backgrounds of rural deprivation. Our project would particularly benefit those with low confidence (a common problem post-pandemic) and reading ages of one year or more below the expected age. Academy FM has worked with these pupils in recent projects, and in 2022 we installed recording equipment in the school which will be used for this project.

Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:

None.

The decision set out above was made by me.

Signed:

24 February 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Hollingsbee', written in a cursive style.

Councillor Jenny Hollingsbee
Ward – North Downs West

