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Microsoft's contribution to the success of the Learning Innovation Trust at Monkseaton

Building on the success of our existing partnerships with organizations such as the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust, Microsoft believes that the appropriate involvement of business in education brings benefits to employers and learners alike. Microsoft's vision in the public sector is to be seen as a partner and supporter, and not just a supplier of software. Microsoft is particularly pleased to be working with Monkseaton Language College, Tribal Education and North Tyneside Local Authority to create one of the very first Trust Schools and is committed to:

- **Genuine collaboration:** working in partnership with organizations in the sector who are best placed to understand the needs and challenges faced by the sector
- **Delivery of mutual benefits:** developing programmes that deliver value to both Microsoft and to education stakeholders
- **Long term partnerships:** working on long-term programmes to have a demonstrable impact for the future
- **Sharing expertise:** ensuring expertise can be learned from both Microsoft and those involved in the sector.

Microsoft's investment in Monkseaton is a long term commitment and will continue for so long as the objectives of the Trust are being met and Microsoft continues as a Trust Member. The relationship with Monkseaton is not linked to any marketing programme and Microsoft is not expecting any commercial return on its investment. This engagement is not exclusive and is the latest initiative in Microsoft's long history of support for education in the UK. The company's aim is to help teachers, pupils and the wider community acquire the skills needed to make the best use of ICT for teaching and learning.

Microsoft pledges to contribute the following resources and expertise to support the development of the Learning and Innovation Trust at Monkseaton and to ensure it is able to achieve the ambitious goals established for the Trust.

- **Software:** Microsoft has agreed to provide free of charge the software – along with software assurance to keep the software current. The software will be provided for an initial period of three years and longer term provision will be the subject of a review towards the end of the three year arrangement. This software is for use by students and staff in the school but the licenses include work-at-home rights for staff.
- **Support for effective use of ICT:** Microsoft will also provide time, professional expertise and strategic advice focused on optimising the impact of the ICT investment.

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- **Microsoft resources and programmes will be available to Monkseaton:** Across the sector, Microsoft has made many investments in education which could bring value to the Monkseaton Trust, in particular:
 - **The Innovative Teachers Network**
 - **IT Academy**
 - **Building Schools for the Future guides / exemplars etc**
 - **CTLI**
 - **Enquiring Minds**
 - **The Imagine Cup**
 - **Qualifications**
 - **Internet Safety**

- **Opportunities for Staff:** The software and support Microsoft will contribute has many benefits for staff. In addition to CPD and expertise focusing on enhancing the use of ICT for teaching and learning, technology helps to make processes and administrative tasks less time consuming; helping to increase productivity. For example, the Learning Gateway allows teachers to access all school information from their home, which helps provide flexibility in lesson planning and admin which supports a good work/life balance

The value of Microsoft's contribution to the Learning Innovation Trust at Monkseaton will be realized partly through the provision of software but we expect a very significant benefit to be derived from the expertise, time, connections and experience which Microsoft will also provide to support and inform developments at the school to optimize the impact of the software which is available.

This schedule may be amended as necessary, provided that the amendments are agreed by all Trustees.

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