

## **CITY COUNCIL – 8 FEBRUARY 2010**

### **REPORT OF THE LEADER**

#### **DECISION BY EXECUTIVE BOARD UNDER SPECIAL URGENCY PROCEDURE**

##### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report is submitted in accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules regarding decisions taken under the Special Urgency Procedure set out in the Constitution.

##### **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 IT IS RECOMMENDED that the decision of the Executive Board on 19 January 2010 in respect of the Working Neighbourhood's Fund – Nottingham Jobs Fund be noted.

##### **3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

- 3.1 The approval of the Nottingham Jobs Fund initiative was a key decision, not included in the Forward Plan, which needed to be approved to enable the Council to commit and spend the additional funding as the recruitment process needed to start as soon as possible to provide jobs for twelve months.

##### **4 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 To delay consideration until the next available meeting of Executive Board – a delay of one month was considered detrimental to agreeing and implementing the initiative.

##### **5 BACKGROUND**

- 5.1 In accordance with the Special Urgency Procedure in Rule 15 of the Access to Information Rules, the agreement of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee was obtained for the matter to be considered and a decision taken at that meeting.

5.2 The decisions made are set out below:-

- (i) it was noted that the Department for Communities and Local Government had approved an additional Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF) allocation of £1,003,832 for Nottingham in 2009 to March 2011;
- (ii) £925,000 was approved for the Nottingham Jobs Fund in order to enable Nottingham residents, in receipt of Job Seekers Allowance, who are ineligible to benefit from the Future Jobs Fund to gain opportunities for employment and training within the time frame allowed by Communities and Local Government WNF Grant determination letter;
- (iii) An allocation of £75,000 WNF was agreed to introduce an awareness campaign to promote all aspects of the Nottingham Jobs Plan.

## **6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)**

6.1 None.

## **7 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS AND EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS)**

7.1 None.

## **8 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

8.1 None.

## **9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

9.1 Report and minutes of the Executive Board meeting held on 19 January 2010.

**COUNCILLOR JON COLLINS  
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**