

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Acceptance of grant funding from the Department for Transport
Key Decision (decision valued at more than £1million):	Yes
Key Decision (decision affects 2 or more wards):	Yes
Total Value:	£18,020,502 (Type: Capital)
Decision Being Taken:	<p>To accept initial funding allocations from the Department for Transport for delivery of projects within the Transforming Cities Fund (£8,020,502) and Future Transport Zone (£10 million) programmes.</p> <p>To delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Development and Growth to agree and complete the funding agreement with the Department for Transport.</p>

Reasons for the Decision(s) In March 2020 the Department for Transport (DfT) confirmed Nottingham and Derby had been successful in securing funding from Tranche 2 of the Transforming Cities Fund and Future Transport Zones (formally called Future Mobility Zones) following successful partnership bids with Derby City Council.

The successful bid from the Transforming Cities Fund has secured a total funding award of £161 million to deliver a programme of public transport and active travel across the Nottingham Derby city region to March 2023. This builds on the £8.3 million awarded in March 2019 for a number of schemes currently being delivered in both cities. The DfT are proposing to make the first grant payment of £8 million on 31 March 2020.

Following publication of the Future Mobility Strategy in March 2019, the DfT confirmed that additional funding would be made available to the Transforming Cities Fund city regions for the creation of four Future Transport Zones which would improve the integration of existing transport services, whilst also trialling new innovative transport services. The Nottingham Derby bid has been successful in securing £16.7 million over the next 4 years. The DfT are proposing to pay £10 million of this on 31 March 2020 for project delivery in the 2020/21 financial year.

Successful delivery of these programmes will enable provision of a number of public transport and cycling improvements, will contribute to air quality improvements and will support Nottingham's carbon neutral by 2028 objective.

The purpose of this decision is to secure approval to accept the initial grant payments due this financial year. There will be further decisions later in the year to approve delivery of the wider funding programmes and to initiate project delivery and procurement activities.

Briefing notes documents: 200316 Derby Nottingham FMZ Outcome Letter.pdf, Derby Nottingham TCF Tranche 2 Award Letter_.pdf, DfT email - confirmation of Future Transport Zones funding allocation.pdf

Other Options Considered: The option to refuse this funding was rejected as it would mean that the Council would be unable to deliver the proposed transport initiatives, which would not be in the best interest of our citizens. In addition, this option could also be potentially damaging to the Council's reputation as a leader in delivery of transport projects.

Background Papers: None

Published Works: Executive Board report 'Transforming Cities Programme Key Decision' - 21 May 2019: to accept the tranche 1 grant award, and approve the preparation and submission of the tranche 2 and Future Transport Zone bids. Minute Ref: 5

Affected Wards: Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests: None

Consultations:	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	None. This decision relates to acceptance of funding only. Full implications will be considered as part of the subsequent approval to commence programme delivery.
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: This decision relates to accepting the funding only. EIA to be submitted as part of approval to initiate programme delivery.
Decision Type:	Leader's Key Decision
Subject to Call In:	<p>No</p> <p>The call-in procedure does not apply to the proposed decision because the delay likely to be caused by the call in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests. The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (or Vice-Chair) in his/her absence has been consulted and agreed both that the decision proposed is reasonable in all circumstances and that it should be treated as a matter of urgency.</p>
	Person Consulted: Councillor Anne Peach
	Consultation Date: 24/03/2020
	To enable the first instalment of the grant to be paid on 31 March 2020, as required by the Department for Transport
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance
Legal Advice:	This report does not raise any significant legal issues but the City Council must ensure it will be able to comply with the Department for Transport's funding terms and conditions. It is anticipated that those condions will include milestones and outputs which must be met otherwsie there is a risk of clawback of funding. Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 25/03/2020.

Finance Advice:

The £160.782m Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) that has been awarded to Nottingham City Council will be received as follows:
19/20 £8,020,050
20/21 £20,314,031
21/22 £62,599,549
22/23 £69,847,918

This decision seeks approval to accept £18,020,050 which will be paid to Nottingham City Council on 31March. This is the 19/20 payment of TCF as above and £10m of the £16.7m allocation for Future Transport Zones.

The £10m for Future Transport Zones will be paid on 31 March 2020, for work that will take place during the financial year 2020/21 and will be need to be carried forward to reflect this.

All spend must be managed in line with the conditions set out as part of the agreement and monitored accordingly. As stated in the body of the decision - this decision only seeks approval to accept the initial grant payments due this financial year. A further report will be submitted later in the year to approve delivery of the wider funding programmes and to initiate project delivery and procurement activities Advice provided by Susan Tytherleigh (Senior Finance Manager) on 24/03/2020.

Signatures:

David Mellen (Leader/ PH Regeneration, Safety and Communications)
SIGNED and Dated: 30/03/2020
Chris Henning (Corporate Director for Development and Growth)
SIGNED and Dated: 30/03/2020