

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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<b>Reference Number:</b>	3938
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<b>Subject:</b>	D2N2 Growth Hub Coronavirus Response Extension
<b>Total Value:</b>	£984,108 (Type: Revenue)
<b>Decision Being Taken:</b>	<p>1) To accept the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) grant of £984,108 for the D2N2 Growth Hub, and the management of the grants to business process.</p> <p>2) To delegate authority to the Director of Economic Development to enter into this grant agreement with the MHCLG.</p>
<b>Reasons for the Decision(s)</b>	Central Government has made available £984,108 for the D2N2 Growth Hub on a fully-funded basis (with no match funding required) to support businesses with small grants, particularly in the Visitor Economy market. As the accountable body for the D2N2 Growth Hub, the Council will administer the grant receipt and payments to businesses, working with existing partners.
<b>Other Options Considered:</b>	1) To not accept the grant. This option is rejected as the funding is on a fully-funded, no match basis, so there is no cash required from the Council. The funding will help businesses with small grants (£1,000, £3,000 and £5,000), particularly in the Visitor Economy sector, which has been badly hit by the Coronavirus emergency.
<b>Background Papers:</b>	None
<b>Published Works:</b>	None

<b>Affected Wards:</b>	Citywide
<b>Colleague / Councillor Interests:</b>	None
<b>Consultations:</b>	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
<b>Crime and Disorder Implications:</b>	None.
<b>Equality:</b>	Please login to the system to view the EIA document: GH PCR EIA v1.docx
<b>Decision Type:</b>	Portfolio Holder
<b>Subject to Call In:</b>	Yes
<b>Call In Expiry date:</b>	03/08/2020
<b>Advice Sought:</b>	Legal, Finance, Equality and Diversity
<b>Legal Advice:</b>	<p>This recommendation raises no significant legal issues. The Government grant funding is subject to standard terms and conditions that must be complied with, failing which the funding will be subject to clawback. The Council must ensure that the funding terms and conditions are complied with.</p> <p>Advice provided by Sarah O'Bradaigh (Senior Solicitor) on 22/07/2020.</p>
<b>Finance Advice:</b>	<p>The Executive Board meeting in May 2012 approved the Council becoming the Accountable body for the Growing Places Fund, on behalf of the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership. The partnership's Growth Hub has been awarded £984,000 as part of the Covid Response Extension Scheme.</p> <p>The value of this decision is £984,000, which is fully funded by the Ministry of Communities, Housing and Local Government. The Council as the accountable body for the partnership will need to receive the funding and administer grants to qualifying businesses within the D2N2 area. In order to prevent clawback, the Council will need to ensure it manages the scheme in accordance with the grants terms and conditions. The grants will be paid out and reclaimed in arrears, plus a small percentage to cover staff time and overheads required to manage and administer the scheme.</p> <p>Advice provided by Chanelle Poyser (Commercial Business Partner) on 22/07/2020.</p>

**Equality and Diversity  
Advice:**

**An associated Equalities Impact Assessment has been produced and attached to the decision.**

**Advice provided by Nasreen Miah (Equality and Employability Consultant) on 23/07/2020.**

**Signatures**

**Sam Webster (PH Finance, Growth and City Centre)**

**SIGNED and Dated: 27/07/2020**

**Chris Henning (Corporate Director for Development and Growth)**

**SIGNED and Dated: 24/07/2020**