

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Short Track Speed Skating Program Extension Funding
Total Value:	£50,000 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	1. To accept a grant of £50,000 from Sport England. 2. To delegate authority to the Director for Sport, Culture and Parks to sign the grant award agreement with Sport England. 3. To delegate authority to the Director for Sport, Culture and Parks to extend the current grant funding agreement with the National Ice Centre to provide the £50,000 of funding for the Short Track Speed Skating Program until 31 March 2022.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	Due to the current COVID-19 situation, Sport England have made additional funding available to extend selected projects. The current Short Track Speed Skating Program (DD 3568) has been running successfully since April 2019, with the existing program running until March 2021. Sport England have solicited applications to apply for extension funding until March 2022. The project has met key objectives to date.
Other Options Considered:	Do not accept the Award - rejected as this would seriously impact on the ability of the National Ice Centre to be able to deliver the program and, as such, would impede the development of young speed skaters onto the international performance platform and potentially impact on Olympic representation for Nottingham athletes.
Background Papers:	None
Published Works:	Delegated Decision 3568

Affected Wards:	Citywide
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None
Consultations:	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	None.
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: EIA not required. Reasons: No adverse equality issues were identified and an EIA would not be proportionate.
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	03/09/2020
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance
Legal Advice:	<p>As this is an award that is being made to the City Council it must ensure and be satisfied that any deliverables can be met by Nottingham Ice Arena and that there are appropriate contractual arrangements in place between the Council and NIC to protect the Council in the event of any clawback by Sport England. It is understood that this will be through the existing funding agreement in place with the NIC which will be updated to reflect the additional funding and any delivery requirements. Subject to the amendments being made to the NIC funding agreement there are no further legal comments.</p> <p>Advice provided by Naomi Vass (Senior Solicitor) on 09/07/2020.</p>

Finance Advice:

The Council has been awarded grant totalling £50,000 from Sport England, in respect of the Short Track Speed Skating Program. This funding is additional to funding awarded in June 2019 as approved in delegated decision 3568. The Council will then provide funding to the Nottingham Ice Arena (NIC), which hosts the program, subject to an updated grant funding agreement. As the Council will be the accountable organisation for this funding from Sport England, it is essential that it adheres to the grant conditions. The grant funding agreement with NIC will need to include the Sport England grant conditions to ensure that the Council does not incur clawback of grant funding.

There is no expectation for the Council to provide match funding for this grant. The grant will be awarded to the Council to cover activities during financial years 2020/21 and 2021/22, and therefore it is essential that the grant income and expenditure are consistent in each financial year in order to avoid any pressures in future years.

Advice provided by Maria Balchin (Finance Analyst) on 26/06/2020.

Signatures

David Trimble (Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and IT)
SIGNED and Dated: 25/08/2020
Hugh White (Corporate Director for COVID Response and Recovery)
SIGNED and Dated: 25/08/2020