

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Allocation of DEFRA Emergency Assistance Grant
Total Value:	£464,113.62 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To approve the allocation of the remaining grant as per the attached briefing note, Appendix F - Grant Allocation Table as set out in Decision 4017 - DEFRA Emergency Assistance Grant dated 12/10/20202. To delegate approval authority and discretion to the Strategic Director of Community Protection on the category spend of this grant in line with Appendix F and the grant conditions.3. To approve the DEFRA Small Grants criteria and process for the distribution of this grant to community organisations as set out in DEFRA Small Grants - Appendix A to E attached
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>This decision is supplemental to the existing Delegated Decision 4017 - DEFRA Emergency Assistance Grant - 12/10/2020 (attached) which approved the acceptance of this grant amount and allocated £60,000 to Fare Share. The remaining £464,113.62 is to be allocated as per the attached Appendix F - Grant Allocation Table to support those most in need due to Covid 19.</p> <p>The Strategic Director of Community Protection through delegated authority will determine the allocation of expenditure to the above elements based on need and to ensure compliance with the grant criteria.</p>
Briefing notes documents:	Appendix A - DEFRA Small grant programme overview.pdf, Appendix B - DEFRA Small grants application form.pdf, Appendix C - DEFRA Small Grants Guidance.pdf, Appendix D - DEFRA Small grants monitoring form.pdf, Appendix E - DEFRA Small grant process map.pdf, Appendix F - Grant Allocation Table v.1.3.pdf, 201012 Form.pdf

Other Options Considered:	Allocation of this grant is required for the council to discharge the conditions set out in the grand acceptance itself, to support those most in need during the Covid 19 pandemic. The allocation amounts are proposed through consultaiton with key officers, therefore, the only other option - not allocating this grant - is rejected as it would result in potential claw back from DEFRA of the full grant amount and could have significant impact on residents of Nottingham.
Background Papers:	None
Published Works:	Delegated Decision 4017 - DEFRA Emergency Assistance Grant - 12/10/2020
Affected Wards:	Citywide
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None
Consultations:	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	None
Equality:	Please login to the system to view the EIA document: Equality Impact Assessment - DEFRA Grant.pdf
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	24/11/2020
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Equality and Diversity
Legal Advice:	This delegated decision raises no significant legal issues. Delegated decision 4017 has already approved acceptance of DEFRA emergency assistance grant funding (and funding conditions). This delegated decision seeks approval to delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Community Protection to determine allocation of the remaining grant. Advice provided by Sarah O'Bradaigh (senior solicitor) on 03/11/2020.

Finance Advice:

The decision is in addition to that of delegated decision 4017 which approved the acceptance of the grant. This decision is required to approve the policy of awarding the remainder of the grant ensuring compliance with all internal controls and governance in grant awards.

Appendix A - F provides further detail and clarification of the processes.

This decision requests delegated authority to the Director of Community Protection to spend the grant across the schemes set out in Appendix F in accordance with the grant conditions; this will provide the flexibility of need of Nottingham during the Tier system and national lockdown.

Once the grant has been fully utilised the associated schemes will need to end, there is no approval to continue.

Advice provided by Ceri Walters as Finance Co-ordinator (Head of Commercial Finance) on 04/11/2020.

Equality and Diversity Advice:

EIA was required as this grant looks to benefit community organisations, these would normally operate within protected groups. Advice was provide through the completion process of EIA.

Advice provided by Nasreen Miah (Equality & employability consultant) on 30/10/2020.

Signatures

Rebecca Langton (PH Communities, Highways, Strategic Transport)
SIGNED and Dated: 16/11/2020
Andrew Errington (Strategic Director, Community Protection)
SIGNED and Dated: 06/11/2020