

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Grant Award to Nottingham City Transport (NCT)
Total Value:	£133,240 (Type: Capital)
Decision Being Taken:	1) To grant fund Nottingham City Transport (from DfT funds previously received by NCC) to upgrade software which will enable traffic signal priority for late running buses to be activated by the Nottinghamshire Traffic Control Centre.2) To delegate authority to the Head of Transport Strategy to enter into appropriate grant funding arrangements between NCC and NCT.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	The 16 June 2020 Transforming Cities Exec Board report identified the use of existing frameworks to procure all works related to traffic signal bus priority. Whilst this is still substantially the case, in order to enable Nottingham City Transport buses to benefit from the new signal technology, an upgrade is required to the real-time geo-location systems currently in operation on Nottingham City Transport's (NCT) bus fleet. This will ensure that their location and schedule adherence information is able to be communicated to the Traffic Control Centre which will then give a "green wave" at junctions to help buses that are late to maintain their reliability / get back on schedule. Statutory traffic management duties are due to be updated soon to make promoting bus reliability an integral part of highways authorities' Network Management Duty. The City Council has been awarded money by the DfT to deliver traffic light priority for late running buses across the traffic signal network. Awarding this grant will support the upgrade that NCT will be undertaking and will be funded from the money received from DfT for the delivery of the traffic signal network scheme. It will in turn therefore contribute to the City Council's ability to meet the requirement of these new duties and ensure appropriate use of DfT funding.
Other Options Considered:	To not provide the funding to Nottingham City Transport. This option has been rejected as capital funding has been awarded to the City Council from the Department of Transport to deliver this project as part of the Transforming Cities Programme and if it is not used for these purposes, it will need to be paid back.

Background Papers: **None.**

Published Works: **None.**

Affected Wards: **Citywide**

Colleague / Councillor Interests: **None.**

Consultations: **Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.**

Crime and Disorder Implications: **None arising as a result of the decision.**

Equality: **EIA not required. Reasons: There are no equality implications in relation to this decision as it is only a software upgrade.**

Decision Type: **Portfolio Holder**

Subject to Call In: **Yes**

Call In Expiry date: **12/07/2021**

Advice Sought: **Legal, Finance**

Legal Advice:

The proposals in this report seek to grant money to NCT to assist in their delivery of an upgrade in their traffic signal software.

The grant will be provided from the grant funding already received by the Council from DfT for the delivery of traffic light priority for late running buses across the network, which forms part of the Transforming Cities Programme.

The Council must ensure that the grant is provided to NCT in accordance with the the terms set out within the DfT grant award to the Council, so as to ensure compliance with those terms and to avoid the risk of any clawback.

Appropriate grant conditions will need to be established between the Council and NCT on payment of the grant.

As this is a grant rather than a contract for services, there are no procurement implications.

Advice provided by Dionne Claire Screamon (Solicitor) on 28/06/2021.

Finance Advice:

The value contained within this decision is already within the approved Capital Programme. Therefore, following the approval of this decision the value of the capital programme will not be amended, a new capital project will be set up and budget transferred from the existing project (set up following June 2020 Executive Board). This will enable the Council to recognise the payment is a capital grant to Nottingham City Transport (NCT).

The project manager is required to monitor how NCT spend the grant to ensure that the grant is spent in accordance with the grant conditions to reduce the risk of grant clawback by the Council.

As this project is funded entirely by secured external grant and is already within the capital programme approved at Full Council (March 2021) it does not require further endorsement by the Capital Board.

Advice provided by Tom Straw (Senior Accountant - Capital Programmes) on 17/06/2021.

Signatures

Rosemary Healy (Portfolio Holder Highways, Transport, Cleansing)
SIGNED and Dated: 02/07/2021
Michael Wayne Bexton (Interim CD for Growth & City Development)
SIGNED and Dated: 02/07/2021