

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

Safer Streets Funding for staffing costs of a Temporary Burglary Reduction Officer and for the cost of a CCTV camera

Total Value:

£40,753 (Type: Capital and Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

1. To accept £40,753 funding from the Safer Streets Fund from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire. 2. To spend £37,220 of the funding to cover the staffing costs of a temporary Burglary Reduction Officer post within Resident Services and £3,533 of the funding on a CCTV camera, including installation, at Bridlington Park in Hyson Green. 3. To pay back £3,533 to the relevant budget within Community Protection for the cost of provision of the CCTV camera.

Reasons for the Decision(s) The second round of the Home Office Safer Streets Fund (2021-2022) provided funding to hotspot areas within England and Wales that are disproportionately affected by neighbourhood and acquisitive crime, to invest in evidence-based situational crime prevention interventions such as home security and street lighting. For the purposes of the Fund, neighbourhood crime is defined as burglary, robbery, theft from the person and vehicle crime. In March 2021 the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), led and submitted a bid, in partnership with Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire Police, focused on three lower super output areas within the Hyson Green & Arboretum and Radford wards. These were identified as within the largest hotspots for the in-scope crime types in the city, outside of the city centre, that is for burglary, robbery and theft from the person and vehicle crime. The bid was successful and the OPCC was awarded £432,000 to undertake the work described in the bid, the primary focus of which was burglary reduction and prevention, with the main tactic being target hardening. This involves providing vulnerable properties and citizens with target hardening materials such as alarms, locks, lighting and other devices. Alongside this engagement with vulnerable groups will be used to drive positive behavioural change, such as not leaving properties unlocked or otherwise insecure. The programme began in August 2021 and will run until the end of March 2022. The OPCC allocated the City Council £40,753 of the funding from the Safer Streets, as below: £37,220 of the funding is to pay the staffing costs of a temporary Burglary Reduction Officer post within Resident Services until March 2022. An expression of interest was circulated within Safer Housing for the temporary Burglary Reduction Officer post, inviting applications for the post. Following interview, the post has been recruited to and an officer is now in post. The OPCC will be invoiced monthly for these salary costs. £3,533 was allocated for the supply, installation and connection of pole mounted CCTV camera, at Bridlington Park in Hyson Green. The camera has now been fitted and connected to the NCC network and paid for, so the funding will reimburse the budget from which it was paid. The camera will be monitored and maintained on an ongoing basis, as part of the NCC CCTV network.

Other Options Considered: No other options were considered, as the funding is tied to the bid that was submitted and additional support would not be available unless in accordance with the bid.

Background Papers: NCC Safer Streets 2 City Funding Letter Fully signed NCC Safer Streets 2 2021/22 Funding Agreement

Unpublished background papers: NCC Safer Streets 2 City Funding Letter.pdf, FULLY SIGNED NCC Safer Streets 2 2021.22 Funding Agreement.pdf

Published Works: N/A

Affected Wards: Hyson Green and Arboretum, Radford

Colleague / Councillor Interests: N/A

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

Crime and Disorder Implications:

The Crime and Drugs Partnership (CDP) is required to produce an annual Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan to consider crime, ASB, substance misuse and reoffending in the City signed off by full Council in July 2021, in accordance with the Constitution. Reducing crime is a key priority within the Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan. The funding for this project is from the Safer Streets Fund, via the OPCC, which lead on the funding bid. The CDP is providing project management for the Safer Streets funding and robust performance management arrangements are in place for project, which will be monitored on a monthly basis.

Equality:

Please login to the system to view the EIA document: Safer Streets 2 EIA Final.docx

Any implications affecting IT:

Yes

Relates to staffing:

Yes

Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

No

The call-in procedure does not apply to this decision as it is retrosepctive.

Person Consulted: N/A

Consultation Date: 20/10/2021

This is a retrospective decision and is exempt from Call-In

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement, Human Resources, Equality and Diversity, IT

Legal Advice:

There are no significant legal issues arising from this decision. The Council must ensure that any funding it receives is spent in accordance with any funding requirements and funding terms.
Advice provided by Naomi Vass (Senior Solicitor) on 11/10/2021.

Finance Advice:

Advice provided by Susan Turner (Senior Commercial Business Partner) on 03/10/2021.
Advice documents: Safer Streets 2 Funding - Finance Comments.docx

Procurement Advice:

There are no procurement concerns around the allocation of funding for a CCTV camera due to the value, which is below the level for a procurement involvement. However, consideration around obtaining value for money should be given. Advice provided by Julie Herrod (Procurement Officer) on 29/09/2021.

HR Advice: The post is funded by the Safer Streets Fund (Home Office) & only is only for a short period of time which will be filled via a secondment. Advice provided by Janade Akhter (HR Consultant) on 15/10/2021.

Equality and Diversity Advice: There are no impacts to any of the protected characteristics, therefore I am happy to sign off. Advice provided by Rosey Donovan (Equality and Employability Consultant) on 04/10/2021.

IT Advice: The IT Service support the proposals made in this delegated decision.
The current CCTV network is managed by a third party, TIS, and is not directly supported by the IT Service. It is assumed that any direct impact of any additional equipment installation was reviewed with TIS prior to installation and that this work has progressed and been completed without the involvement of NCC IT Service.
In the near future NCC IT Service is moving to manage this network at which point we will be able to provide network monitoring to provide information to support any additional or new requirements.
Advice provided by Rav Ghattaora, IT Technical Services Manager
Advice entered by Paul J. Burrows (IT Change, Projects & Strategy Manager) on 29/09/2021.

Signatures

Neghat Khan (PH Neighbourhoods, Safety and Inclusion)
SIGNED and Dated: 05/11/2021
Frank Jordan (Corporate Director, Resident Services)
SIGNED and Dated: 01/11/2021