

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Core Cities Annual Subscription 20/21
Total Value:	£43,750.00 (Type: Revenue) (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	To renew Nottingham's membership of Core Cities UK for 2020/21. This covers the direct operating costs and expenses of the network and delivery of Core Cities Cabinet's work programme and priorities.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>Membership of Core Cities UK enables Nottingham to work closely with the nine other Core Cities in the UK, plus partnership member Belfast, on areas of mutual benefit, and to engage more effectively with Government and other influential stakeholders to further the Core Cities agenda. It is vitally important that UK cities continue to work together to further their mutual objectives on areas of common interest, especially in light of the major challenges posed to our cities by the global pandemic. It is also important to raise the profile of UK cities internationally in light of the decision to leave the EU.</p> <p>The Core Cities group has regular discussions with the Government on key Nottingham priorities such as economic growth, housing, public sector reform and climate change agendas. As an authority, Nottingham City gains significant influence and a higher profile by being a Core City. Nottingham also gains access to experience, expertise and information from the other Core Cities.</p> <p>This is a renewal of a standing membership and the cost is contained within the corporate budget. The cost has remained the same since 2014/15.</p>
Other Options Considered:	Not renewing the subscription for 2020/21. This option was rejected as this would mean Nottingham losing its status as a Core City and the concomitant influence and profile that comes with being a member of the group. This is a key period of change for both national and local government in light of the ongoing Covid pandemic and the UK leaving the European Union, so remaining a member of the Core Cities group continues to be beneficial for Nottingham City.

**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**

**Equality:** **EIA not required. Reasons: This decision does not include proposals for new or changing council policies or functions.**

**Social Value Considerations:** **None.**

**Decision Type:** **Officer**

**Executive Decision?** **Yes**

**Scheme of Delegation Reference Number or Other Source of Delegation:** **1**

**Subject to Call In:** **No**

**The call-in procedure does not apply to the decision because the value of the decision is below the call in threshold.**

**Advice Sought:** **Legal, Finance, Procurement**

**Legal Advice:** **The proposed decision raises no significant legal issues and is supported from a legal perspective. Advice provided by Malcolm Townroe (Director of Legal and Governance) on 05/02/2021.**

**Finance Advice:**

The value of this decision is £43,750 and is for the 20/21 core cities subscription. Existing base MTFP budget is held within Finance & Resources for this (within the Corporate Management cost centre) therefore this decision is funded in full. No financial pressure will occur as a result of approving this decision as it is deemed affordable within existing budget provision.

Advice provided by Philip Gretton (Finance Analyst) on 27/10/2021.

**Procurement Advice:**

This proposal raises no procurement concerns and is supported from a Procurement perspective. Advice provided by Paul Ritchie (Lead Procurement Officer) on 10/03/2021.

**Signatures:**

Mel Barrett (Chief Executive)  
SIGNED and Dated: 25/11/2021