

COMMISSIONING AND PROCUREMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
11 JANUARY 2022

Supplement to Item 7: Changing Futures – Procurement of Main Service

1. Finance colleague comments (including implications and value for money/VAT)

- 1.1 As outlined above, this report seeks to gain approval for procurement of services to aid within the Changing Futures programme, to allow for delivery of activities to support people severe and multiple disadvantage. This new programme will build upon and replace Opportunity Nottingham programme, as it closes in June 2022. To ensure the best outcomes for those people for whom the services are to be provided, the procurement process should include a focus on the objective of achieving excellent value for money.
- 1.2 The total value of the procurement of services within Changing Futures from July 2022 to March 2024 is up to £2,170,868. Funding for the provision of these services within Changing Futures has been received from Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and receipt of this was approved via a previous decision in August 2021. Therefore the funding for services outlined in this report is secure and will not result in any financial pressure to the authority. It is essential that robust monitoring processes are embedded to ensure that spend is in line with grant conditions and that spend does not exceed the grant value received.
- 1.3 When considering the planned use of funds from MHCLG it is important to adhere to any conditions, guidance or requirements and consider if any unused funds would need to be returned. Additionally, it is important to ensure that all financial obligations incurred, including the staff costs earmarked to be funded, are linked to the exact value of the funding received. In this way the risk around underfunding obligations can be avoided.
- 1.4 Any changes to that outlined in this report will be subject to further approval, as appropriate.

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7th January 2022

2. Legal colleague comments

- 2.1 This report seeks approval to undertake a procurement for delivery of various services to support the Nottingham Changing Futures project. This project aims to continue the work started under the existing Opportunity Nottingham project that will end in June 2022 and to supplement the initial mobilisation programme that was approved in September 2021.
- 2.2 The funding has already been received from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and this report seeks approval to spend the remaining part of that funding now that further scoping work has been undertaken.

The use of the funds for these purposes will need to continue to be in accordance with the terms and conditions imposed upon the Council by MHCLG.

- 2.3 Legal will support with procurement colleagues in carrying out a procurement exercise for the delivery of the various elements of the service as identified in the report including ensuring there are appropriate contractual arrangements in place.

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31st December 2021