

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Parks Improvements and Urban Tree Challenge Funding
Total Value:	£186,589 (Type: Capital and Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Approve the receipt of external funding to support Park Improvement's and Tree planting projects as detailed in Appendix 1 and 1B totalling £186,5892) Approve the spend and associated procurement processes of the external grants;3) Approve the changes to the capital programme set out in Appendix 1B columns 1,2 and 3;4) Approve the creation of an earmarked reserve for the revenue funding which is funding costs over a 5 year period as set out in Appendix 1b column 4.5) To delegate authority to the Acting Director of Neighbourhood Services to award and sign the contract(s) following a procurement.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>The projects have all been allocated funding to help deliver Parks and Tree improvement works that would not take place if the external grant funding was not available.</p> <p>The additional grant funding compliments schemes already approved and included within the capital programme. The new project funding places no additional pressure on the capital programme and will help to improve facilities that are in need of improvement or repairs.</p> <p>The revenue funding for 5 years is to support the additional resources required in planting new trees whilst removing those that have died. After the 5 year period the maintenance of the new trees will form part of the tree maintenance budget and will not require any additional funding.</p>
Briefing notes documents:	Appendix 1 Park Improvements and Urban Tree Challenge Fund Projects v3 17,1,22.docx

Other Options Considered:	Not to accept the funding. This option has been rejected as it will not further the improvement of City's Parks and Green Spaces. Only delivery the existing approved funded projects. Again this option has been rejected as the project cost require the additional / new grant funds in order to fully deliver the projects inline with local neighbourhood priorities
Background Papers:	N/A
Published Works:	Delegated Decision 3267 - Section 106, Wren and Area Capital Funding for Parks & Open Spaces. October 2018 Delegated Decision 3935 - Section 106 funding for Parks Projects - April 2020.
Affected Wards:	Citywide
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	N/A
Consultations:	Date: 28/05/2020 Ward Councillors: Graham Chapman Cllr Chapman fully supports the projects at Amesbury Circus.
	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	The projects will help to provide improvements and facilities for young people and will help to provide diversionary activities that will help to reduce local anti social behaviour.
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: No EIA has been produced as there will be no negative impacts or reduction in services resulting from these projects.
Regard for NHS Constitution:	Local authorities have a statutory duty to have regard to the NHS Constitution when exercising their public health functions under the NHS Act 2006. In making this decision the projects will all contribute to the continued improvement of the cities parks and open spaces all of which help to encourage people to get outdoors and enjoy fresh air and exercise and will contribute to the delivery of Public Health outcomes.
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes

Call In Expiry date:

27/01/2022

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice:

The proposals in this report seek to receive additional external grant funding to support the delivery of a number of projects aimed at park improvements and tree planting throughout the City. The City Council must ensure that it complies with any terms and conditions imposed upon receipt of such funding from each applicable funding source.

The use of the funding with third party providers should be in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and this report seeks approval to undertake a procurement process to award contract(s) to provider(s) to deliver the projects as detailed within the Appendix.

Provided funding terms are complied with and onward spend of the money is made in accordance with the Council's Constitutional requirements, there are no legal issues with the recommendations. Advice provided by Dionne Claire Screamon (Solicitor) on 21/12/2021.

Finance Advice:

The proposals in this report are to gain approval for additional external funding to both regenerate and develop the 'parks & Tree Landscape' across the city.

The total funding received is set out in Appendix 1B and is split between capital and revenue. The capital changes will require the capital programme to be updated and the revenue spend is to support costs for the next 5 years commencing in 2021/22 however the revenue implications are expected to occur during 2022/23 onwards.

This decision will require the revenue grant to be held in an earmarked reserve for this period. At the end of the five year period the maintenance costs of the new trees will be replaced from the budget allocated for the trees that have died and been removed. This is no additional cost to the authority associated with any of these grants for Parks development or tree planting.

It is assumed that spend of these funding streams will be in accordance with the grant conditions and that the costs will be managed within those allocations.

Acceptance of the grants will be undertaken once this decision is approved. Advice provided by Meagan Milic (Commercial Business Partner) on 05/01/2022.

The projects within this decision have been endorsed by the Capital Board on the 17th January 2022. The capital programme will be updated accordingly following the approval of this decision in accordance with Appendix A.

Advice provided by Tom Straw (Senior Accountant - Capital Programmes) on 07/01/2022.

Procurement Advice:

There are no procurement issues with the decisions being sought. Contracts awarded in support of this scheme must be done so in compliance with the relevant provisions of Nottingham City Council's Contract Procedure Rules and the Public Contracts Regulations 2015; the Procurement Team will work with the client to ensure this is done. Advice provided by Jonathan Whitmarsh (Lead Procurement Officer) on 21/12/2021.

Signatures

Rosemary Healy (Portfolio Holder Highways, Transport, Cleansing)
SIGNED and Dated: 20/01/2022
Frank Jordan (Corporate Director, Resident Services)
SIGNED and Dated: 20/01/2022