

Operational Decision Record

Publication Date: 27/04/2022	Decision Reference Number: 4615
Decision Title	
Approval for spend for continued membership of Core Cities UK for the next three years (unless a decision is taken for cancellation of membership before that time)	
Decision Value	
£131,250 (membership for 2021/22 = £43,750, membership for future years unconfirmed but likely to also be £43,750 as the amount has not increased for the last several years)	
Revenue or Capital Spend?	
Revenue	
Department	
Finance and Resources	
Contact Officer (Name, job title, and contact details)	
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Decision 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 Decision and Background Information	
<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 the 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 and subsequent recovery efforts. 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 member. Nottingham also gains access to experience, expertise and information from the other Core Cities members.</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.

Other Options Considered and why these were rejected

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.

Reasons why this decision is classified as operational

This decision seeks approval for spend to continue membership of Core Cities UK, of which Nottingham City has been a member for many years.

Additional Information

None.

Decision Maker (Name and Job Title)

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Scheme of Delegation Reference Number

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