

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Finance Recovery Programme #52
Total Value:	Up to £500,000 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) To approve the initial spend to develop a Finance Recovery Programme, which is aligned to the improvement activity required to deliver the outcomes of the Together for Nottingham Plan.2) To approve the use of the Resilience Reserve to fund this activity.3) To award a contract via the Cross Council Assurance Service framework to Price Waterhouse Cooper to deliver on the Financial Improvement Programme requirements.4) To note that any spend associated with the implementation of the Recovery Programme will form part of a separate decision.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	As a result of the Council's Non-Statutory Review, financial improvements are required within the organisation to ensure sound financial management and decision-making. Additional resources are required to understand the size and scope of the improvements needed and it is expected that the improvements will capture: 1) re-establishing baseline budgets to ensure the standardisation of budgets; 2) setting out the requirements and recommendations to support the management of the budgets; 3) making recommendations for future budgeting processes and associated timelines; 4) developing a financial recovery plan, including identification of capacity and capability gaps across the organisation; and 5) automation improvements for financial processes.
Other Options Considered:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) To do nothing: this option is rejected as improvements in financial management are a requirement of the Council's Non-Statutory Review, to ensure the organisation's financial sustainability.

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 represent proposals for a new or changing policy, service or function.
Social Value Considerations:	Not applicable
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	06/06/2022
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Procurement
Legal Advice:	<p>There are no significant legal concerns arising from this report, subject to the Council being able to access and use the Cross Council Assurance Service framework, and in accordance with the framework provisions.</p> <p>Advice provided by Naomi Vass (Senior Solicitor) on 23/05/2022.</p>

Finance Advice:

This decision seeks to approve initial spend to develop a Finance Recovery Programme, which is aligned to the Improvement activity required to deliver the outcomes of the Together for Nottingham Plan. The value of this decision is up to £500,000 and the activity is to be funded in full via the Resilience Reserve. Spend against this workstream should be monitored to ensure approval limits are not exceeded. If further spend above £500,000 is needed then further approval via the relevant route should be sought at the appropriate time. Procurement of the required resource will need to comply with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and Procurement.

Advice provided by Philip Gretton (Finance Analyst) on 19/05/2022.

Procurement Advice:

The Cross Council Assurance Service is a framework that the Council can access. It is a single-supplier framework with Pricewaterhouse Coopers as the sole supplier. Any call-off must be in line with the terms of the framework, and Procurement will advise on the process to be followed.

Advice provided by Steve Oakley (Head of Contracting and Procurement) on 23/05/2022.

Signatures

Adele Williams (Portfolio Holder for Finance)
SIGNED and Dated: 25/05/2022
Clive Heaphy (Interim Corporate Director for Finance & Resources)
SIGNED and Dated: 24/05/2022