

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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<b>Reference Number:</b>	4649
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<b>Subject:</b>	External funding approval
<b>Total Value:</b>	£474,775 (Type: Capital and Revenue)
<b>Decision Being Taken:</b>	To accept the confirmed offer of the Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation (ACE NPO) grant of £474,775 for expenditure in the financial year 2022-2023 alongside approval to apply for further ACE NPO funding for 2023-2026 for the total amount of circa £1.5 million and any additional grant money the ACE NPO can support leveraging in over the next four years.
<b>Reasons for the Decision(s)</b>	Nottingham City Museums were awarded ACE National Portfolio Organisation status in 2018 and have been in receipt of NPO grant funding annually over the last four years supporting the Service to deliver key objectives and drive towards long-term sustainability. It is necessary for the Service to continue receiving ACE NPO and other grant funds to ensure it meets the Council's target of becoming cost neutral by 2024.
<b>Other Options Considered:</b>	To do nothing would mean the Service would lose valuable income and key priorities to deliver a better service for local communities would not be feasible.
<b>Background Papers:</b>	ACE NPO Grant offer letter
<b>Unpublished background papers:</b>	ACE NPO grant offer letter only 2022-2023 recieved 11th January.pdf
<b>Published Works:</b>	

<b>Affected Wards:</b>	Citywide
<b>Colleague / Councillor Interests:</b>	None
<b>Consultations:</b>	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
<b>Crime and Disorder Implications:</b>	Accepting the ACE NPO grant and further grant awards sought will enable the Service to continue to deliver an outreach and inreach agenda to engage hard to reach audiences offering focused activity, promoting responsible behaviour.
<b>Equality:</b>	Please login to the system to view the EIA document: Final equality-impact-assessment-External Funding Approval.pdf
<b>Social Value Considerations:</b>	N/A
<b>Decision Type:</b>	Portfolio Holder
<b>Subject to Call In:</b>	Yes
<b>Call In Expiry date:</b>	20/06/2022
<b>Advice Sought:</b>	Legal, Finance, Procurement, Equality and Diversity
<b>Legal Advice:</b>	<p>This report seeks approval to accept the confirmed offer of the Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation (ACE NPO) grant of £474,775 for expenditure in the financial year 2022-2023 alongside approval to apply for further ACE NPO funding for 2023-2026 for the total amount of circa £1.5 million and any additional grant money the ACE NPO can support leveraging in over the next four years.</p> <p>This proposal raises no significant legal concerns as it is an extension to existing funding and as long as we comply with the grant funding conditions (namely the Arts Council England standard terms and conditions for grants for National Portfolio Organisations, the payment conditions set out in the Monitoring schedule and the additional conditions set out in schedule 1 of the funding agreement ) and use the grant funding in accordance with the schedules of Agreed Activity.</p> <p>In using the grant funding, we must continue to comply with our own constitutional requirements. Legal Services can support, as required, the use of the grant funding by putting in place the necessary contractual documentation.</p> <p>Advice provided by Anthony Heath (Senior Solicitor) on 26/05/2022.</p>

**Finance Advice:**

**This decision seeks approval to accept grant funding from Arts Council England (ACE) in respect of the Council's status as a National Portfolio Organisation for the Council's Museum service. The total funding awarded for financial year 2022/23 is £474,775, as confirmed on 20 January 2022. This is continuation of funding from ACE, as approved by the Council at Executive Board in September 2019. The project manager will need to ensure compliance to the grant conditions, including any reporting and audit requirements. Failure to accept this funding would lead to an overspend position for the Council.**

**This decision seeks approval to apply for funding from April 2023 to continue with the current commitments, and the outcome of this bid will be subject to a further decision. In the event that the funding is less than the current commitments, the project manager will need to put measures in place to avoid any unfunded expenditure from April 2023, which would give rise to an overspend.**

**Advice provided by Maria Balchin (Finance Analyst) on 27/04/2022.**

**Procurement Advice:**

**In as far as this DDM seeks approval solely to accept grant funding offered by Arts Council England, there are no direct procurement implications to the decision being sought. In the event that the funds are used for purchases of supplies, services, or works, the Council's Contract Procedure Rules must be followed and advice should be sought from the Procurement Team to ensure this is done compliantly. Advice provided by Jonathan Whitmarsh (Lead Procurement Officer) on 14/04/2022.**

**Equality and Diversity Advice:**

**There are no impacts to any of the protected characteristics and therefore happy to sign off. Advice provided by Rosey Donovan (Equality and Employability Consultant) on 22/04/2022.**

**Signatures**

<b>Pavlos Kotsonis (Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Planning)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 10/06/2022</b>
<b>Frank Jordan (Corporate Director, Resident Services)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 09/06/2022</b>