

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Broad Marsh - Acceptance of £100,000 grant funding from Homes England
Total Value:	£100,000 (Type: Capital)
Decision Being Taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To accept £100,000 of grant funding from Homes England towards the cost of master planning work on the Broad Marsh site.2. To enter into a Grant Agreement, the form of which is yet to be determined, and delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Growth and City Development to agree the final form and enter into the agreement.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>As part of the development of the business case for the re-development of the Broad Marsh area, the Council is exploring the opportunity to form a partnership agreement with external public sector partners. Alongside this the Council is developing the business case for re-development and as part of this there is a requirement to turn the vision into a viable and deliverable master plan.</p> <p>Homes England has offered a £100,000 grant towards the cost of the master planning exercise and this offer needs to be formalised through conclusion of a Grant Agreement. Legal colleagues have received a draft generic Grant Agreement and initially confirmed it appears to be broadly in an acceptable form. However, the Legal Team will review the final engrossed document when received and the project team will review specific obligations before completion of the Agreement.</p>
Other Options Considered:	Not accepting the grant on offer - This option was rejected as not accepting the grant would be a significant lost opportunity of capital funding to the scheme, and the Council would have to fund this element of the master planning work from other sources.

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:	Acceptance of the grant will help re-development of the site, that will reduce opportunities for crime and disorder.
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: An Equality Impact Assessment is not required as this decision does not relate to new or changing policies, services or functions.
Relates to Council Property Assets:	Yes
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	28/12/2022
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Property
Legal Advice:	<p>Before taking the decision to accept the grant the decision maker will need to be satisfied that the Council can deliver all required outputs and outcomes attached to the grant conditions. Regard should also be had to any clawback provisions attached to the grant to ensure that steps can be taken to avoid these biting. In all other regards the proposed decision raises no significant legal issues and is supported.</p> <p>Advice provided by Malcolm Townroe (Director of Legal and Governance) on 28/10/2022.</p>

Finance Advice:

The project manager is required to ensure the grant conditions are complied with to reduce potential grant clawback. If the final grant condition require specific development output finance will be required to be further consulted to understand the financial risk to the authority.

This grant doesn't require any further commitment from the Council above what is in the current Capital Programme for the Broadmarsh Development.

Following approval of this decision and endorsement by the Capital Board, the Capital Programme will be amended accordingly.

Advice provided by Tom Straw (Senior Accountant - Capital Programmes) on 25/10/2022.

Property Advice:

Property have not been directly involved in the grant application process to date, but do support receipt of grant funding towards the master planning work. Property consider that this work will be a key factor in informing the Council's business case for the regeneration and redevelopment of the Broad Marsh site. Property are to be further consulted once detail of the grant conditions are available and will support with the review of the Grant Agreement prior to engrossments being confirmed.

Advice provided by Emma Wilcock (Senior Estates Surveyor) on 25/10/2022.

Signatures

David Mellen (Leader/ PH Strategic Regeneration Communications)
SIGNED and Dated: 19/12/2022
Sajeeda Rose (Corporate Director of Growth & City Development)
SIGNED and Dated: 19/12/2022