

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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**City Council**

<b>Reference Number:</b>	<b>4815</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Contract for Banking Services</b>
<b>Total Value:</b>	<b>590,000 (Type: Revenue)</b>
<b>Decision Being Taken:</b>	<b>To award a contract to the Council's existing bankers, Lloyds Banking Group, for five years from 1 February 2023 with optional extension periods of three years and then a further two years, utilising Lot 1 of Cost and Procurement Advisory Service (CPRAS) Banking and Finance Framework. The Council's existing bankers are the only provider available through this framework contract.</b>
<b>Reasons for the Decision(s)</b>	<b>The Council awarded a contract to the current bankers in 2015 for five years and took up the option in the contract to extend for a further three years. This contract ends on 31 January 2023. It is proposed to utilise the framework contract let by CPRAS which is the only current framework available to the Council to include banking services. The Council has already awarded a contract under Lot 2 of this framework contract. Utilising the framework contract is the most efficient method of procuring banking services.</b>
<b>Briefing notes documents:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Other Options Considered:</b>	<b>The option of undertaking a full tender was considered, but was disregarded as benchmarking indicated it would not offer significant savings. Also, awarding this contract to an alternative provider would result in significant administrative costs as all bank accounts would need to change and this would be challenging to deliver by February 2023. A shorter contract period was also considered, but the longer contract is more economically advantageous to the council and most councils stay with the same bankers for over ten years.</b>

**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:** **Not Applicable**

**Equality:** **EIA not required. Reasons: An EIA is not required because the decision does not relate to new or changing polices, services or functions**

**Social Value Considerations:** **Not Applicable to this contract.**

**Decision Type:** **Portfolio Holder**

**Subject to Call In:** **Yes**

**Call In Expiry date:** **18/01/2023**

**Advice Sought:** **Legal, Finance, Procurement**

**Legal Advice:**

**This report raises no significant legal concerns.**  
**As this is a second contract entered into using this Framework, it is assumed the Council is content that it can meet obligations imposed on it by the contract and that the contract meets the Council's requirements.**  
**Whilst accepted that this is the most appropriate approach to take at this point, as a second long term contract entered into using this framework, the Council might want to consider some form of alternative approach towards the end of this contract to assess the market in more detail and be seen to do so.**  
**Advice provided by Anthony Heath, Senior Solicitor, 21st December 2022.**  
**Advice provided by Anthony Heath (Senior Solicitor) on 21/12/2022.**

**Finance Advice:**

**This decision is for a banking contract which based on current transactions will cost c.£67k, an increase of c.£9k on this year's costs. The new banking contract allows for 18 months free banking, with the savings totalling c.£76k, falling mainly within 2023/24. Initially this is a 5 year contract with the option to extend for another 3 years and then another 2 years. No finance objections.**  
**Advice provided by Nishil Rabheru (Strategic Finance Business Partner) on 28/11/2022.**

**Procurement Advice:**

**The CPRAS Framework is a compliant route to market to enable to Authority to enter into a new Banking Services contract. The new contract will see a reduction in banking service charges from Lloyds. There may be some other areas of the contract that could see savings in time, dependant on the model/services used. No Procurement concerns. Advice provided by Louise Dobson (Business Support) on 23/11/2022.**

**Signatures**

<b>Adele Williams (Portfolio Holder for Finance)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 11/01/2023</b>
<b>Ross Brown (Corporate Director of Finance &amp; Resources)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 06/01/2023</b>