

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

Safer Streets Funding for Bestwood / Radford / Hyson Green & Arboretum wards

Total Value:

£314,639 (Type: Capital)

Decision Being Taken:

1.To accept Safer Streets Grant Funding of up to £314,639 in arrears from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire (OPCC) and delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Communities, Environment and Resident Services to enter into the Safer Streets Grant Agreement in the form attached at Appendix 1.2. To spend to up to £211,100 between Oct 2022 and March 2023 on the CCTV-related purposes specified in Appendix 1, to be reimbursed in arrears, subject to the Safer Streets Grant Funding Agreement.

Reasons for the Decision(s)

In March 2022, the Home Office invited bids for round 4 of the Safer Streets funding. This round expanded on previous Safer Streets funds, by allowing bids to tackle a number of areas: Neighbourhood crime, anti-social behaviour or violence against women and girls (VAWG) in public places, feelings of safety from VAWG or ASB or a combination of these. Nottingham City partners convened a steering group to share ideas and the following areas were agreed to be subject of the bid: Neighbourhood crime, feelings of safety from neighbourhood crime, ASB, feelings of safety from ASB, VAWG in public places, feelings of safety from VAWG in public places. Geographical target areas were agreed as follows, with identified issues confirmed by analysis and Environmental Impact Assessments: . Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) E01013851 Bestwood - Focus on ASB in the area as well as neighbourhood crime. . LSOA E01033404 Radford and LSOA E01013815 Hyson Green & Arboretum - Focus on Sexual Violence and the expansion of Safety of Women At Night (SWAN) initiatives beyond the city centre, and some additional focus on ASB. In May 2022 the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), submitted a bid on behalf of Nottingham City partners, which was successful. The programme began in August 2022 and will run until September 2023. The OPCC has allocated the City Council £314,639 of the Safer Streets 4 funding. The acceptance and expenditure £103,539 of the funding set out in the Safer Streets Grant Funding Agreement was approved through an Operational Executive Decision on 08/12/22. The funding on which approval is requested totals £211,100 and is made up as below:. CCTV New Installations as part of the Council's CCTV network - £157,100: Installation of 5 new vandal proof fixed CCTV cameras in LSOA E01013851 and 7 new fixed CCTV cameras in LSOA E01013815. . CCTV Upgrades - upgrading CCTV cameras within the all three LSOA areas (12 cameras in total) - £30,000. The supply, installation, and upgrading, of CCTV cameras will be carried out by Total Integrated Solutions Ltd (TIS). The contract with TIS was awarded by Nottingham City Homes, and expires on 31st March 2023. The Head of Procurement has given the authority to make this award directly to TIS; this will be as a variation to the existing contract under regulation 72(1)(b) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, in line with article 18.99 of Contract Procedure Rules. . Installation of direct 999 telephone / CCTV points x 2, as part of the NCC network - £24,000 - to provide a direct line to emergency services in areas of high crime, particularly crime against women & girls in the Radford and Hyson Green & Arboretum LSOAs.The direct 999 telephone/CCTV points will be supplied by provided by WCCTV, who have supplied a number of these cameras to other areas and are understood to be the only company that provide this system which was developed jointly with Police and Crime Commissioners as a bespoke product. All of the new and upgraded cameras will be monitored and maintained on an ongoing basis, as part of the NCC CCTV network. As set out in Appendix 1 (above), the funding will be spent upfront by NCC, on the basis that it will be reimbursed monthly in arrears by the OPCC, on receipt of an invoice. All of the funding included in this decision must be spent by the end of March 2023.

Other Options Considered:

1. To not accept the funding for this activity. This would have meant that key community safety work identified was not carried out.2. No further options were considered, as the funding is tied to the bid that was submitted and additional support would not be available unless in accordance with the bid.

Background Papers:

Safer Streets 4 Funding Agreement between the OPCC and NCC.

Unpublished background papers:

Appendix 1. Fully Signed Safer Streets 4 Funding Agreement.pdf

Published Works:

None

Affected Wards:	Bestwood, Hyson Green and Arboretum, Radford
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None
Consultations:	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	The Crime and Drugs Partnership (CDP) is required to produce an annual Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan to consider crime, ASB, substance misuse and reoffending in the City signed off by full Council in July 2022, in accordance with the Constitution. Reducing crime is a key priority within the Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan. The funding for this project is from the Safer Streets Fund, via the OPCC, which lead on the funding bid. The OPCC is providing project management for the Safer Streets funding and robust performance management arrangements are in place for project, which will be monitored on a monthly basis.
Equality:	Please login to the system to view the EIA document: Safer Streets 4 EIA Final.pdf
Social Value Considerations:	The activities to be funded by the Safer Streets 4 funding will improve the feelings of safety of residents within the areas and also of those travelling through them. Community consultation will take place around the location of the CCTV cameras within each of the wards.
Any implications affecting IT:	Yes
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	31/01/2023
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Procurement, Equality and Diversity, IT

Community Safety Partnerships were established under s5-7 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 ("CDA") and are statutory partnerships comprising Responsible Authorities who work together to protect their local communities from crime and to help people feel safer. The Community Safety Partnership in Nottingham is the Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership (the "CDP") hosted by NCC. The NCC and the CCG are Responsible Authorities and members of the CDP board and the OPCC is a relevant local policing body as well as a Responsible Authority pursuant to the CDA.

This funding is awarded to NCC by the OPCC against the background of these statutory functions and represents a grant, accessed through round 4 (running across the 2022/23 and 23/24 financial years and worth £75 million) of the Safer Streets Fund.

A reciprocal Grant Funding Agreement between the OPCC and NCC outlines the obligations and purposes to which the funding (a total of £ 314,639) can be put and reflects the Safer Streets Fund Grant Agreement entered into by the OPCC as Lead Partner with the Government and the ineligible expenditure to which the funding cannot be put.

To ensure the Fund delivers its objectives, there are certain types of crime prevention activity that cannot be funded by the Safer Streets Fund grant:

- . Activity that cannot be completed by 30 September 2023 (unless there is funding secured for future years).
- . Replacing funding for work that is already underway, although funding can be used to expand or improve existing work.
- . Activity that is not aimed at targeting the primary objectives of the fund (i.e. activity that is not primarily preventative or activity that does not firstly target the key crime or issue types outlined).

In so far as the procurement for the CCTV installation and ongoing maintenance is concerned, the value of the services and goods to be supplied is £187,100. Whilst below the threshold at which the PCR's 2015 apply, the rules should nevertheless be closely adhered to when dealing with contract variation thresholds. Procurement have confirmed the existence of a current corporate contract with TIS (awarded following a procurement compliant process), which can be varied. Any variations to existing contracts will need to comply with article 18.99 and reflect compliance with the obligations and conditions of the Grant Agreement with the OPCC. The aforementioned contract variation based on the justification within the report, would be permissible as works, services or supplies by the original contractor that have become necessary and were not included in the initial procurement, where a change of contractor-

- (i) cannot be made for economic or technical reasons such as requirements of interchangeability or interoperability with existing equipment, services or installations procured under the initial procurement, [and]1
- (ii) would cause significant inconvenience or substantial duplication of costs for the contracting authority, provided that any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract.

It is understood the funding from the OPCC includes costs of maintenance of the CCTV cameras to be installed, over a 5-year period. Therefore, given the expiry of the existing contract in March 2023, consideration will need to be given to this ongoing requirement in the future once the corporate contact procured by NCH expires and NCH is brought back in-house.

As for the contract to be awarded to WCCTV Limited, as the value is less than £25,000.00 quotations and tenders need not be sought under the CPR's, although an official order / formal contract will still be required.

Richard Bines, Solicitor- Contracts and Commercial - 04.01.2022

Advice provided by Richard Bines (Solicitor) on 04/01/2023.

Finance Advice:

<p>See attached file for advice Advice provided by Susan Turner (Senior Commercial Business Partner) on 30/11/2022. REVISED REPORT Advice provided by Susan Turner (Senior Commercial Business Partner) on 17/01/2023.</p>
<p>Advice documents: Safer Streets 4 Funding - Finance Comments.docx</p>

Procurement Advice:

<p>There are no direct procurement concerns with the decisions being sought. The award for the new CCTV installations & upgrades is being made as a variation to an existing contract [pending confirmation from NCH], and the value for the direct 999 telephone / CCTV points is below £25k and so does not require a formal procurement, per Article 18.56 of the Constitution, though there is a requirement to ensure this is the most suitable arrangement for the Council and to record the details in writing. Advice provided by Jonathan Whitmarsh (Lead Procurement Officer, Places) on 22/11/2022.</p>
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Equality and Diversity Advice:

<p>EIA was completed for this proposal and sent to the Equality & Employability team for advice. Comments have been provided and sent back to the author as attached. Advice provided by Nasreen Miah (Equality & employability consultant) on 01/11/2022.</p>
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IT Advice:

<p>The IT Service supports the proposals made within this delegated decision.</p> <p>The IT Service will support Resident Services in the implementation of Safer Streets on its usual project basis, in response to identified user requirements and budgets.</p> <p>Advice provided by Paul J. Burrows (IT Change, Projects & Strategy Manager) on 26/10/2022.</p>
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Signatures

<p>Neghat Khan (PH Neighbourhoods, Safety and Inclusion)</p>
<p>SIGNED and Dated: 24/01/2023</p>
<p>Frank Jordan (CD Communities Environment Resident Services)</p>
<p>SIGNED and Dated: 24/01/2023</p>