

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

LOCAL ENERGY CAPACTIY SUPPORT SECTION 31 GRANT DETERMINATION (2022/23): No. 31/6547 - Project Funding - First Variation

Total Value:

£250,000 (Type: Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

1) To accept
£250,000 of core & additional grant funding from the Department
for Energy Security and Net Zero (ESNZ) for the delivery the objectives of
the Local Energy Capacity Support Memorandum of Understanding ("the
Original MoU");2) To delegate
authority to the Director for Energy and Sustainability (ES) to enter into
Grant Determination (2022/23) No.31/6547; and

3) To delegate
authority to the Head of Midlands Net Zero Hub, in consultation with the
Director for ES, to utilise the grant funding towards the following projects
outlined in Appendix 1 (E-cargo, Hartlebury Energy from Waste Plant,
Oakengates Leisure Centre, Cool Shropshire & Telford Business Support,
Leicestershire Leisure Centres, Impact Tool Update) to Grant Determination
(2022/23 No.31/6547.

Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (ESNZ) is committed to delivering support to enable the Government's Net Zero 2050 initiatives to be both an economic stimulus and contributor to the UK's carbon net-zero ambitions. This funding will be managed by the Midlands Net Zero Hub ("the Hub"), within the Council's ES Division, enabling Net Zero projects across the Midlands in support of the low carbon economy. The total value is £250,000. This is an extension of funding to the existing Midlands Net Zero Hub Grant Funding - Local Net Zero Programme authorised under DDM 4791. It should be noted the Appendix 1 project value total is £252,000. ESNZ have confirmed the additional £2,000 can be deducted from available budget from the Grant awarded under the Original MoU.</p> <p>The Hub is well-placed to secure this funding and support project delivery. This funding will assist the Hub meet its KPIs under the current agreement. ESNZ has requested the Hub's and the ES Division's support on these projects, due to their successful track record in project development and support, with an ability to meet challenging deadlines. Urgent Portfolio Holder authorisation is sought for this acceptance of grant funding due to the tight time frames of the project imposed by ESNZ; the MoU was received 10/03/23 and needs to be returned by 17/03/23 to ESNZ, and its value.</p>
Briefing notes documents:	Midlands First Variation of MoU.docx, DelegatedDecision.pdf
Other Options Considered:	Not accepting the funding. This would result in a missed opportunity to support delivery of Net Zero projects in the region, in-line with the current agreement, which would impact KPIs.
Background Papers:	N/A
Published Works:	N/A
Affected Wards:	Citywide
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	N/A
Consultations:	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	N/A
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: This decision does not represent proposals for a new or changing policy, service or function.

Social Value Considerations:	This is predominantly a transfer of grant funding to stakeholder organisations as opposed to a procurement exercise, though advice from Procurement may be needed at times.
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	23/03/2023
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Procurement
Legal Advice:	Please see the attached Legal Advice Note - Advice provided by Richard Bines (Solicitor) on 14/03/2023.
	Advice documents: Legal Advice 2.docx
Finance Advice:	This decision is to confirm grant funding of £250,000 from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (ESNZ). This is an extension of funding to the existing Local Net Zero Capacity Support Programme on predetermined projects. The value of the various projects totals £252,000 and the grant is only £250,000. The £2,000 difference will be funded from the existing allowance from the previous Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Advice provided by Sejal Mistry on 15/03/2023.
Procurement Advice:	On the understanding that the funds that are the subject of this decision represent pass-through of grant rather than payments for goods or services, there are no Procurement implications. Advice provided by Jonathan Whitmarsh (Lead Procurement Officer) on 14/03/2023.
Signatures	Sally Longford (PH for Energy, Environment and Waste Services)
	SIGNED and Dated: 16/03/2023
	Frank Jordan (CD Communities Environment Resident Services)
	SIGNED and Dated: 16/03/2023