

## Operational Decision Record

<b>Publication Date</b> 05/04/2023	<b>Decision Reference Number</b> 4911
<b>Decision Title</b>	
Procurement of Economic Strategy	
<b>Decision Value</b>	
up to £125,000	
<b>Revenue or Capital Spend?</b>	
Revenue	
<b>Department:</b>	
Growth and City Development	
<b>Contact Officer</b>	
Susan Tytherleigh – Business and Performance Manager, Growth & City Development	
<b>Decision Taken</b>	
To approve the procurement of Commissioning of the Economic Plan for Growth	
<b>Reasons for Decision and Background Information</b>	
<p>To create a clear plan for stimulating the local economy, we will procure the commissioning of an Economic Plan for Growth for Nottingham. This will be funded by Levelling Up Capacity Funding and therefore will not exceed £125,000.</p> <p>Expressions of interest will be sought from potential organisations that can work with us to shape a clear, coherent, economic plan that builds on and enhances our existing plans and ambitions, in line with procurement rules.</p> <p>This decision seeks approval to procure this Strategy externally.</p>	
<b>Other Options Considered and why these were rejected</b>	
<p>Do not procure this service – however this is a requirement of the Improvement and Assurance Board (IAB).</p> <p>To deliver this plan within internal resources – however there are insufficient resources internally to undertake this work within the Council.</p>	
<b>Reasons why this decision is classified as operational</b>	
<p>This decision is to seek approval to procure the commissioning of this work externally in line with City Council governance and procurement rules. The funding is via grant which has already been subject to a separate Operational Decision and the cost will not exceed the grant (£125k).</p>	

**Additional Information:****Financial implications**

An Operational Decision has already been taken to approve the acceptance of the £125,000 capacity building funding from The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) to support the City Council's plans for economic development and levelling up including identifying and resourcing future bids to LUF.

This decision delegated responsibility to the Corporate Director for Growth and City Development to spend the capacity funding money on supporting the City Council's plans for economic development and levelling up, including identifying and resourcing future bids to LUF, expenditure on current staff and consultants (where expertise is not found in the Council), subject to compliance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules. Therefore approval for the funding is already in place.

**Decision Maker (Name and Job Title)**

Sajeeda Rose – Corporate Director Growth and City Development

**Scheme of Delegation Reference Number**

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**Date Decision Taken**

03/04/2023