Operational Decision Record

Publication Date	Decision Reference Number
13/07/2023	4989

Decision Title

Approval to fund transport modelling to support the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan

Decision Value

£121,900

Revenue or Capital Spend?

Revenue

Department

Growth and City Development

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Decision Taken

- (1) Approval to spend £121,900 on Transport modelling;
- (2) Approval to receive £63,066.75 income as part contribution from Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe Borough Councils (£21,022.25 each).

Reasons for Decision and Background Information

Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe Borough Councils with support from Nottinghamshire County Council are working with Nottingham City Council to prepare a Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan. Transport modelling is required to identify transport mitigation measures made necessary by the proposals of the Plan. This evidence is essential to demonstrate that the proposals are capable of implementation without undue detriment to existing transport infrastructure. Without this evidence it is likely that the Public Examination will conclude the Plan is not sound, as it is not justified.

The proposal is that the costs are shared between Nottingham City Council and the three Boroughs, with Nottinghamshire County Council (as transport authority for three 3 Boroughs) procuring the work via their procurement framework.

The full cost will be £121,900, funded as follows:

- (1) £84,089 met by the four partner authorities, and equate to £21,022.25 each. NCC share to be funded from N-11276-100-5169 Specialist fees.
- (2) £37,811 Brownfield Pilot N-94520-G29 (this budget is held in reserves by NCC as Accountable Body for Growth Point, but was awarded to the four

commissioning authorities for participating in the Government pilot project. It is not ring-fenced).

The costs to Nottingham City Council will be met from an already approved budget for this financial year. This proposal achieves best value by sharing costs between the Plan making authorities.

Other Options Considered and why these were rejected

Not undertaking the transport work: rejected as it is required as evidence for the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan, which is incapable of being found sound without it.

Reasons why this decision is classified as operational

It is below £250,000. Nottingham City Council's funding for this decision comes from an already approved budget for this year.

Additional Information

Observations of Finance Business Partner:

This decision seeks to approve a spend of £121,900 in 23/24 financial year with £21,022.25 each to be paid by four Councils; Broxtowe Borough Council, Gedling Borough Council, Rushcliffe Borough Council and Nottingham City Council, and the remaining £37,811 to be taken from reserves as detailed above, which are intended for use by the four council authorities. This spend is supported as it is part of the statutory development plan.

The revenue costs incurred and any drawdown from the grant will be recorded and monitored in line with current legislation, and to avoid any financial pressure to the MTFP.

The costs and contributions towards costs from commissioning authorities as detailed above will be monitored by the service for any variance and reflected in the monthly forecast for the service.

Paul Rogers, Commercial Finance Business Partner (G&CD)

Decision Maker (Name and Job Title)

Sajeeda Rose, Corporate Director of Growth and City Development

Scheme of Delegation Reference Number

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Date Decision Taken

10/07/2023