

# Operational Decision Record

Publication Date 20 July 2023	Decision Reference Number 4992
<b>Decision Title</b>	
Acceptance of Home Office Prevent Grants 2023-24	
<b>Decision Value</b>	
£127,979.00	
<b>Revenue or Capital Spend?</b>	
Revenue	
<b>Department</b>	
Communities, Environment and Residents Services, Communities, Community Safety	
<b>Contact Officer (Name, job title, and contact details)</b>	
Amy Goulden (Prevent Coordinator)	
<b>Decision Taken</b>	
To accept Grant income from the Home Office to cover the Prevent posts to enable the city to mitigate against radicalisation risks and deliver improved compliance with the Prevent Duty (Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015).	
<b>Reasons for Decision and Background Information</b>	
<p>To enable the City to make use of this funding in supporting it to discharge its statutory duty with regard to preventing violent extremism and mitigate additional risks as a priority funded area.</p> <p>This funding is a continuation and broadening of funding secure and managed in budget for Nottingham City in 2022-23. The roles and outcomes from last year's funding have secured significant improvements in the Home Office Benchmarking and been delivered within budget.</p> <p>The funding does not cover severance costs for staff, office costs or administrative support for the multi-agency case conference (Channel) or Prevent Governance as there is an expectation from the Home Office that this funding supports Prevent delivery rather than covering all of the Statutory Duty in the City.</p> <p>In the letter confirming this funding the Home Office have explained that they are undertaking additional due diligence on the second element of the funding</p>	

expected this year. This is a change in process following the recommendation in the Independent Review of Prevent Published February 2023, when that letter is released a second Operational Income Decision will be brought forward.

Previous letters from the Home Office explain that this funding for Posts will continue in 2024-25. The funding is then subject to an assessment of risk before deciding on the following year's funding.

### **Other Options Considered and why these were rejected**

Not accepting the money would leave the City Council to fund significant work to meet the statutory duty through core funding and risk a less effective Prevent offer with associated crime and safeguarding risks. It would also mandate a restructure or severance costs for the two staff funded under this grant agreement.

### **Reasons why this decision is classified as operational**

The Grant income is less than £250,000. The work is a continuation of current activity and falls within current policy in regard to the discharge of statutory duties and Crime and Drugs Partnership priorities.

### **Additional Information**

Following the Home Office's additional due diligence, from prior letters it is expected there will be a second portion of this grant (up to £67,421) to follow for local projects. The local grant process for deciding the prevent projects we submitted to the Home Office have been through a Best Value process after a competitive bid stage.

This decision follows on from the Delegated Decision taken in March 2022 by the Portfolio Holder to accept funds for Prevent work DD4558.pdf (nottinghamcity.gov.uk).

The Portfolio Holder has been briefed on this follow-on funding and the nature of the work NCCs anticipates funding with it.

### **Finance Comments:**

This decision requests approval to accept the confirmed Home Office Prevent funding of £127,979.

The funding amount will support the extension of the two roles currently in post with the benefit of retained knowledge and continuity. The team are required to facilitate and develop action plans which mitigate against the threat of radical extremism in Nottingham City.

The budget manager will need to put in place the appropriate monitoring and reporting processes to ensure adherence to the grant conditions and to avoid possible clawback of grant funding. Also, ensuring adherence to all processes to meet the requirements of the funding including but not limited to recruitment and purchasing processes. This information should also be kept in a shared access location and sufficient for any future audit purposes.

In the event of the grant not being extended, a plan needs to be in place to ensure that all costs are mitigated within the funding received and therefore does not impact the MTFP within Communities.

**Susan Turner – Senior Commercial Business Partner 11-05-2023**

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

**Ita Donovan (Director Communities, Environment & Resident Services)**

**Scheme of Delegation Reference Number**

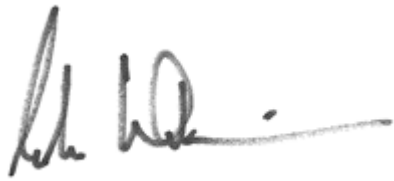
127 Community Protection – Various Environmental Protection delegations

The power to exercise the Public and Community Protection functions within the remit of the Corporate Director Communities, Environment and Resident Services

Director Community Protection,  
including:-  
Prevention of Terrorism

(Constitution not updated as of May 2023, this Director now Director of Communities)

Colin Wilderspin, Director of Communities



**Date Decision Taken 23.05.2023**