

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject: Spend of grant awarded from National Lottery Heritage Fund for the Wollaton Transformation Programme

Total Value: £226,847 (Type: Capital and Revenue)

Decision Being Taken: Approval is sought to accept and spend a grant awarded from National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) for £226,847. The grant has been awarded for the Wollaton Hall Transformation Programme and will be used to transform the Natural History Museum permanent galleries at Wollaton Hall to make them more engaging for a wider audience. The newly re-furbished galleries will become part of the overall free offer at Wollaton.

Reasons for the Decision(s) The Wollaton Hall Transformation Programme is included in the current capital programme following approval by Executive Board in September 2019, with works phased subject to securing external funding to ensure the project is affordable. Audience research shows that whilst Wollaton Hall is greatly cherished by local communities they find that the un-refurbished galleries are tired looking and not engaging. Therefore the Wollaton Transformation Programme has transformed many of the spaces over the last 5 years and the grant award from NLHF will refurbish the next stage of work.

Other Options Considered: The 'do nothing' option would mean not accepting the grant and galleries at Wollaton would remain un-refurbished. This will negatively impact on visitor dwell time and in turn impact on secondary spend potentially putting the sustainability of the site at risk.

Background Papers:

Published Works:

Affected Wards:

Citywide

**Colleague / Councillor
Interests:**

Consultations:

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

**Crime and Disorder
Implications:**

Improving Nottingham's cultural offer enables communities to feel engaged with their heritage which in turn supports community and cultural cohesion.

Equality:

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Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

Yes

Call In Expiry date:

09/08/2023

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement, Equality and Diversity

Legal Advice:

the grant funding will be subject to grant terms and conditions which if not complied with, will be subject to withholding, reduction or clawback of such funding from the council. The grant funding will be used to fund the works for Phase 4 of the Wollaton Hall transformation programme, which phase was included in the initial procurement documents for the contract and for which the successful tenderer submitted prices in its tender submission. Advice provided by Sarah O'Bradaigh (senior solicitor) on 13/06/2023.

Finance Advice:

This decision seeks approval to accept NLHF grant and to incur expenditure in accordance with the grant conditions. In September 2019, Executive Board approved the Wollaton gallery refurbishment programme, with recommendation 2 approving the submission of grants for refurbishment, with expenditure phased, to only take place when affordable. This grant funding will permit the next phase of works up to the value of £226,847. This project is included in the capital programme, and subject to approval of this decision, the programme will be updated with to reflect the successful grant application bid. The project officer will need to ensure compliance to the NLHF grant conditions in order to avoid clawback of grant funding.

This expenditure is necessary to ensure the National History Museum is maintained and to also ensure the site is engaging to a wider audience, so that the medium term financial plan budgeted income targets in respect of catering, retails and hire of the site, can be met in current and future years.

Advice provided by Tom Straw - Senior Accountant (Capital Programmes) and Maria Balchin (Finance Analyst) on 21/07/2023.

Procurement Advice:

This approval seeks to accept and spend additional grant funding for an existing scheme, the contractor for which was appointed subsequent to a previous tender carried out by the Procurement Team, and as such there are no issues with the decision being sought. Advice provided by Jonathan Whitmarsh (Lead Procurement Officer) on 07/06/2023.

Equality and Diversity Advice:

The Equality Impact Assessment has been reviewed. There are no impacts to any of the protected characteristics, I am therefore happy to sign off. Advice provided by Rosey Donovan (Equality and Employability Consultant) on 20/06/2023.

Signatures

Pavlos Kotsonis (Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture)
SIGNED and Dated: 01/08/2023
Colin Parr (Corporate Director, CERS)
SIGNED and Dated: 01/08/2023