

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

Another Way Funding

Total Value:

£357,517 (Type: Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

1. To accept up to £357,517 from the Youth Endowment Fund via the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and District/County Councils to fund posts and travel for additional resource within the Slavery Exploitation Team to deliver the Another Way Project from 2023-2025.2. To delegate authority to the Head of Community Safety to recruit and spend the £357,517 on staff salaries (354,443 including management costs) and travel (£3,074) within the Slavery Exploitation Team to deliver the Another Way Project from 2023-2025. The funding is as set out in the funding letter dated 10th July 2023 from the OPCC - attached.3. To delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Communities and Resident Services to enter into the appropriate grant agreement.

Reasons for the Decision(s) The Nottinghamshire OPCC has provided confirmation of funding for 2023-2025 for the Slavery Exploitation Team to deliver the Another Way Project. Another Way is a violence reduction project targeted at young people aged 14-24 years. The project is limited to those who live in the city of Nottingham and are seen to be at risk of violence - both as victims or offenders - due to associating with a group or gang or being exploited by a gang, for example through County Lines. It will start in 2023 and run to summer 2025. Funding will cover 20% of the team's existing manager, full salaries (including on costs) of a Senior Caseworker, 2 Caseworkers and travel expenses. These are new temporary posts within the Slavery Exploitation Team structure; contracts will end in summer 2025. Another Way will use focused deterrence, an approach to reducing group violence that originated in the USA but has been tried in various forms in the UK. In summary it:- Identifies a group or groups involved in violence- Works with local communities to gain support and assistance with the programme- Offers support to group members to change behaviour - Where groups or their members don't comply, they are the subject of robust enforcement Work with under 18s will be led by the council's Early Help and Youth Justice Service. A separate decision has been completed for this. The Slavery Exploitation Team will lead on supporting adults 18-24 years of age with additional support from community organisations. Help will be provided for people involved in violence to access positive support and social services. The funding breakdown is in the attached table. The Youth Endowment Fund have indicated funding can roll forward, with approval from them, but it would be a local Project Board decision as to whether or not any underspend rolled forward is allocated to the same budget heading.

Briefing notes documents: YEf Another Way - City Council Funding Letter.pdf, Funding table.docx

Other Options Considered: 1. Not accept the funding for these posts within the Slavery Exploitation Team from the OPCC. This would mean the council would not be able to deliver the Another Way project. 2. Do nothing and not fund the posts, meaning key community safety work will not be carried out.

Background Papers: Funding letter for the Another Way project from the OPCC.

Unpublished background papers: YEf Another Way - City Council Funding Letter.pdf

Published Works: N/A

Affected Wards: Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests: None.

Consultations: Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

The aim of the funding from the OPCC is to reduce criminality within the age 18-24 year cohort. Under the duty set out in Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act, the Another Way project will aim to protect vulnerable adults, considering the impacts of trauma, violence, exploitation and potential grooming of associated children.

Equality:

Please login to the system to view the EIA document: EIA Another Way Final v2.docx

Relates to staffing:

Yes

Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

Yes

Call In Expiry date:

30/10/2023

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Human Resources, Equality and Diversity

Legal Advice:

The funding for the Another Way project as detailed in the main body of this ddm is through YEF funding secured by the Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC). Nottingham City Council (NCC) will be required to enter into a grant agreement before any funding can be released. The grant agreement will set out the terms and conditions of the funding, including the consequences of any breach of the grant funding terms and conditions which could include repayment of the grant. Advice provided by Sarah O'Bradaigh (senior solicitor) on 10/10/2023.

Finance Advice:

Advice provided by Susan Turner (Senior Commercial Business Partner) on 27/09/2023.
Advice documents: Another Way Funding 2023-25 - Finance Comments.docx

Equality and Diversity Advice:

Comments have been provided for the EIA that was submitted for this proposal. This was sent directly to the author of EIA/ DDM. Advice provided by Nasreen Miah (Equality & employability consultant) on 11/10/2023.

HR Advice:

If the funding is not accepted then the work required will not be able to be carried out. Advice provided by Janade Akhter (HR Consultant) on 06/10/2023.

Signatures

Sajid Mohammed (PH - Neighbourhoods, Safety & Inclusion)
SIGNED and Dated: 23/10/2023
Colin Parr (Corporate Director, CERS)
SIGNED and Dated: 17/10/2023