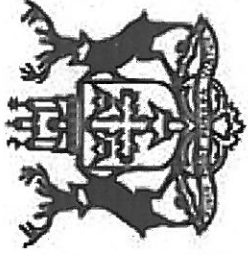


Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



Nottingham
City Council

Reference Number:

1855

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Subject:

Membership of Local Government Information Unit 2015

Total Value:

£11,500 (Type: Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

To renew Nottingham City Council's membership of the Local Government Information Unit (LGIU) for 2015.

Reasons for the Decision(s)

Nottingham City Council is a member of the LGIU. This is an annual subscription. The LGIU provides a policy briefing service to councils, with opportunities for training, conferences and public affairs services for councillors and colleagues. The services provided by the LGIU are very useful for the council's policy making activities and are widely used by councillors and colleagues. We have already taken steps to reduce the cost of our membership by moving from a 'premium' service to 'standard' service to save money. In the last year, the services provided by the LGIU have improved to include a daily news briefing service and more engagement with member councils allowing a more personalised service. LGIU services are available to all councillors and colleagues of member councils. Membership continues to provide good value for money.

Other Options Considered:

The option of resigning our membership was considered but the loss of the services provided by the LGIU would have a negative impact on the council's policy and intelligence gathering capacity, and could result in less well-informed policy making. The policy and news briefings are an efficient way of gathering intelligence to inform council action and decisions, and membership of the LGIU helps to mitigate the reductions in policy resource across the council over recent years due to budget pressures.

It is a condition of membership that notice has to be given by 30 June in a given year to take effect the following January. Therefore the earliest that a resignation could take effect is January 2016.

Background Papers:

None

Published Works:	None
Affected Wards:	Citywide
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	
Consultations:	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	None
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: This is a corporate subscription and has no equality implications.
Decision Type:	Officer
Executive Decision?	Yes
Scheme of Delegation Reference Number or Other Source of Delegation:	1
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance
Legal Advice:	The proposals set out in the report raise no significant legal issues and in the circumstances outlined are supported. Advice provided by Malcolm Townroe (Legal Services Manager) on 12/02/2015.
Finance Advice:	The value of the decision (£11,500) is the cost of renewing the Council's affiliation to the Local Government Information Unit for one year commencing January 2015. The cost will be met from a base budget provision held by Resources Strategic Finance to meet the costs of corporate subscriptions. It is anticipated that value for money will be promoted by maintaining access to a national pool of intelligence and analysis through which decision making at local level will be better informed and coordinated. Advice provided by C Sharpe (Finance Analyst) on 30/01/2015.
Signatures:	Alison Michalska (Corporate Director Adults and Children)

Signature:



Date:

13-2-15.

last date for call-in : 23/02/15

