

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



**Nottingham**  
**City Council**

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<b>Subject:</b>	Autism Innovation (Capital) Grant
<b>Total Value:</b>	£18,500 (Type: Capital)
<b>Decision Being Taken:</b>	Approval to spend £18,500 of the Autism Innovation (Capital) Grant provided by the Department of Health on the two projects outlined in the main body of the report to support and improve the lives of people with autism in Nottingham.
<b>Reasons for the Decision(s)</b>	A grant of £18,500 has been made available to Nottingham City Council by the Department of Health. The funding is to support work on implementing "Think Autism", the recent update to the 2010 Adult Autism Strategy for England. Approval is sought to fund two projects as part of a 'Digital Strategy' to enable autistic people and their carers to use technology to access support locally and to engage them in the implementation of the Autism Strategy. See Appendix 1 outlining the projects.
<b>Briefing notes documents:</b>	Nottingham City Autism Digital Strategy v1.docx
<b>Other Options Considered:</b>	Offer the funding to the Clinical Commissioning Group to utilise and improve the lives of autistic people. This decision would, however, have a limited impact, in that it would only improve health outcomes. This option has therefore been discounted.
<b>Background Papers:</b>	None.
<b>Published Works:</b>	None.

**Affected Wards:** Citywide

**Colleague / Councillor Interests:**

**Consultations:** Date: 16/04/2015  
Other City Council Bodies:Autism Co-Production Group and the Speak Listen Act Together (SPLAT) group were involved with the approval of the project ideas  
The Autism Co-production approved the initial 7 projects proposed, which have now been reworked to meet the funding requirements. They have been involved with developing a monitoring plan and will continue to monitor the progress of implementation and impact through SPLAT. Nottingham City's consultation group for people with autism and/or learning disability.

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

**Crime and Disorder Implications:** N/A

**Equality:** EIA not required. Reasons: EIA not required. Reasons: This report is specifically aimed at meeting the needs of autistic people. The projects proposed will have a positive impact regardless of the individual or community characteristics.

**Decision Type:** Portfolio Holder

**Subject to Call In:** Yes

**Call In Expiry date:** 26/08/2015

**Advice Sought:** Legal, Finance

**Legal Advice:** This report raises no significant legal issues. As set out by the report author, the capital funding will be used in accordance with the DoH Autism Innovation (Capital) Grant award conditions. Advice provided by Sarah O'Bradaigh (senior solicitor) on 22/07/2015.

**Finance Advice:** The proposals contained in this report align to the purpose of the grant and will be funded through the Department of Health (DoH) Autism Innovation (Capital) Grant. Further approval has been obtained from the DoH to extend the timescales for the use of this funding. Advice provided by Darren Revill (Finance Analyst) on 30/07/2015.

**Signatures**

<b>Alex Norris (PH for Adults, Health and Community Sector)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 19/08/2015</b>
<b>Alison Michalska (Corporate Director for Children and Adults)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 14/08/2015</b>