

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Payment for Schools Out holiday provision from April 2015 to March 2016
Total Value:	£85,000 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<p>1) To approve payment of funds associated with the city's 'Schools Out' programme to the sum of £85K to Notts County Football in the Community (NCFITC) for continued provision of the programme from April 2015 until March 2016.</p> <p>2) To approve dispensation from the requirement of Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.2 to obtain 3 tenders in accordance with the Financial Regulation 3.29, for operational reasons.</p>
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>Schools Out runs from city leisure facilities, operating during school holidays. The programme offers 230 daily places at 5 locations, equating to 12,650 attendances per year. The scheme charges £1 a day for this provision, which supports low cost, affordable access to childcare provision, especially for working parents. The existing partnership arrangement and Big Lottery funding to NCFITC finished in March 2015. It was agreed in February 2015 that the City Council would commit to an extension and continue delivery of the offer under the existing partnership arrangement with NCFITC.</p> <p>In approving this decision, continuation of service and fulfilment of the manifesto commitment of ensuring that children and young people are offered a range of positive activities during the school holidays as well as evenings and weekends will be ensured. Without approval service delivery of the scheme will cease to continue.</p>
Briefing notes documents:	OPBN Schools Out _ Update and Future Options.doc, CCR0009 - Schools Out Holiday Sport and Leisure Programme.doc

Other Options Considered:

1. To have no school holiday provision. Should this happen, Nottingham City Council would not be working to fulfil its manifesto commitment of ensuring that in the evening and at weekends as well as during school holidays there are a range of positive activities for children and young people to enjoy in every part of the city.

2. The alternative option would be to go out to tender competitively for a provider to deliver the programme , however due to time constraints this is not a practical option and would cause disruption in the provision of the services when it is required most.

Background Papers:

Published Works:

Affected Wards:

Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests:

Dispensation from Financial Regulations:

Yes

Consultations:

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

The Schools Out programme will provide a regular schedule of diversionary activities across the city, addressing levels of anti-social behaviour and reducing the potential for crime through providing opportunities to engage in positive activities.

Equality:

Please login to the system to view the EIA document: EIA Schools Out 2015.doc

Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

No

The call-in procedure does not apply to the proposed decision because the delay likely to be caused by the call in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests. The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (or Vice-Chair) in his/her absence has been consulted and agreed both that the decision proposed is reasonable in all circumstances and that it should be treated as a matter of urgency.

Person Consulted: Cllr Brian Parbutt

Consultation Date: 30/07/2015

Reason for dispensation from call in as the programme is currently taking place across our leisure centres and payment required imminently.

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement, Equality and Diversity

Legal Advice:

The 'Schools Out' programme enables affordable access to school holiday activities to children and parents in the City and in doing so has positive crime and disorder implications for the City.

The arrangement with NCFITC will ensure continued provision of this services as well as fulfilment in line with the manifesto commitment.

Should the service will delivered after this period, the Corporate Procurement Team will assist in considering future requirements with the service area.

For the above reasons, the recommendations in this report are supported. Advice provided by Dionne Claire Screatton (Solicitor) on 28/07/2015.

Finance Advice:

- 1. The total cost of this scheme will be £85k. This will be financed from £50k corporate contingency fund (agreed CCR0009) and £35k from permanent deletion of a vacant Sport & Leisure post.**
- 2. This decision will not inhibit the service on delivering on the MTFP.**
- 3. The service seeks approval for dispensation from the requirement of Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.2 to obtain 3 tenders in accordance with the Financial Regulation 3.29.**

Advice provided by Steve Ross (Finance Analyst) on 28/07/2015.

Procurement Advice:

On discussion with the service area I understand that dispensation is sought from tendering in accordance with Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.2 in order to fund this service for a period of one year, to bridge a gap in direct funding to the provider by the Big Lottery. This is supported for the operational reasons set out, ie: to ensure continuity of service for this period in line with a manifesto commitment.

Any future requirement for this service which the Council intends to directly fund must be procured in accordance with Contract Procedure Rules, which at this value would require a full competitive tender process, unless a dispensation is approved under Contract Procedure Rules.

Advice provided by Dawn Cafferty (Procurement Category Manager) on 17/07/2015.

**Equality and Diversity
Advice:**

The arrangement will ensure that activities will be available to some of our most vulnerable citizens particularly disabled people, often marginalised from sports and physical health and well being.

It will be important that effective monitoring and review mechanisms are in place to ensure that access to opportunities is real as judged by the numbers of people esp, girls/women BME and disabled that should reflect the local population. Advice provided by Adisa Djan (Equalities and Diversity Consultant) on 29/07/2015.

Signatures

David Trimble (Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture)
SIGNED and Dated: 27/08/2015
John Kelly (Corporate Director Community Services)
SIGNED and Dated: 19/08/2015
Theresa Channell (Head of Corporate and Strategic Finance) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations
SIGNED and Dated: 18/08/2015
Chief Financial Officer's Comments: