

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Funding Allocation for Table Tennis Canopy Project
Total Value:	£29,500 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To spend £29.5k on the Table Tennis Canopy Project.2. To accept funding of £26,500 to support the development of Table Tennis in the City by installing a Table Tennis Canopy to the land on Harvey Hadden Sports Village.3. To spend the funding with a contribution of up to £3,000.00 from the facility budget to install ground works and canopy.4. To dispense with Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.1 in accordance with Financial Regulation 3.29. As part of the funding agreement Table Tennis England will procure contractor for the canopy works through Table Tennis England procurement procedure.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>To accept level of funding over £25k to support canopy project and partnership working with Table Tennis England. Part of the funding agreement requires us to use contractors provided by Table Tennis England using their procurement procedures, failure to agree to this will mean that we are not able to accept the funding. The facility will be required to ensure that the area is maintained and looks presentable. We have agreed with Table Tennis England that if the Canopy becomes beyond economical repair that it would be removed from site and not replaced. We have developed a strong partnership with Table Tennis England at the facility and whilst not an income generating activity there are social benefits in providing free sport externally as a diversionary activity for anti social behaviour and engaging young people in the sport of table tennis. The project will give Table Tennis England an insight into participants usage of outdoor facilities and to assess if covered tables are used more than uncovered tables and the impact this has to participation. Supporting this project will strengthen the partnership and will secure future income generating bookings with Table Tennis England for internal participation.</p>
Briefing notes documents:	Canopy Draft Designs.pdf

Other Options Considered:	To not accept the funding. This option was discounted as this is a unique offer of funding to support Table Tennis in the facility working in partnership with Table Tennis England on the canopy project to increase participation in outdoor Table Tennis.
Background Papers:	None.
Published Works:	None.
Affected Wards:	Aspley, Bilborough
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None.
Dispensation from Financial Regulations:	Yes
Consultations:	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	Increased free sport offer on external of facility which can divert people away from crime and anti social behaviour. Area is also covered by CCTV to monitor.
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: This decision does not relate to new or changing policies, services or functions. This is an outdoor sporting project open to all.
Social Value Considerations:	As part of the funding acceptance Table Tennis England will be procuring a specialised contractor which will be used by Nottingham City Council by Official order. This forms part of the funding agreement where the contractor will be selected through Table Tennis England procurement procedures.
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	16/02/2016
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice:

The cost of the project is primarily funded from grant funding from Table Tennis England (TTE).I am advised by the report author that it is a condition of grant funding that the council engage a contractor to undertake the work who has been procured by TTE who will apparently be obtaining at least 3 written quotations. Contract terms and conditions can be put in place to protect the council's position in respect of the proposed works. Advice provided by Sarah O'Bradaigh (senior solicitor) on 22/01/2016.

Finance Advice:

1.The cost of this decision is £29.5k. The scheme will be financed from £26.5k grant from Table Tennis England and £3k from the existing revenue budget for equipment.

2. There is minimal risk to the council as the project is largely grant funded and there is no future commitments to replace or maintain this facility.

3. This decision will have no impact on the Medium Term Financial Plan as this facility is free to the public under the terms of the Grant. The estimated maintenance costs will be minimal and can be met from existing revenue budgets.

4. Supporting this project will strengthen the partnership and secure future income for the site and will add a social activity for local people and will generate more interest in the site and its other activities.

5.The scheme is aimed as a diversionary activity from anti social behaviour and engaging young people in the sport of table tennis.

6. Dispensation from tendering requirements is sought under financial regulations 3.29 as a part of the funding agreement requires the use of contractors provided by Table Tennis England using their procurement procedures. Failure to agree to this will mean that the Council is not able to accept the funding.

Advice provided by Steve Ross (Finance Analyst) on 21/01/2016.

Procurement Advice:

Dispensation from CPR 5.1.1 is required in accordance with the Council's financial regulations. If granted, there are no significant procurement concerns with this proposal.

Advice provided by Sue Oliver (Category Manager - Procurement) on 14/01/2016.

Signatures

David Trimble (Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture)

SIGNED and Dated: 08/02/2016

Andrew Vaughan (Corporate Director Commercial and Operations)

SIGNED and Dated: 08/02/2016

Theresa Channell (Head of Corporate and Strategic Finance) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations

SIGNED and Dated: 03/02/2016

Chief Finance Officer's Comments: