

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Nottingham City Council as the Accountable Body for rebalancing the Outer Estates Foundation funding
Total Value:	£200,000 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<p>Approval is sought for the following key actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To give authority for Nottingham City Council to act as the Accountable Body for the £200,000 grant from Dept for Communities and Local Government for the rebalancing the Outer Estates Foundation;- To give delegated authority for the Director of Economic Development to sign the grant agreement with DCLG and allocate and monitor these funds to support the projects set out in the Rebalancing Foundation's business plan - see attached (including awarding an additional £35,000 to the Creative Quarter Company in addition to its current grant funded activity).
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>DCLG has agreed to award a grant to the Rebalancing the Outer Estates Foundation to support activities and projects identified in its business plan. Central Government requires the ability to both hold the Foundation to account and to ensure that the Department achieves good value for money. DCLG has requested that Nottingham City Council acts as the Accountable Body for the grant given the need for close links with the City Council's neighbourhood activities.</p> <p>The Director of Economic Development has scrutinised the proposed projects and activities and all have been assessed as fitting with NCC objectives relating to Economic Development. For some of the projects, NCC itself will be the recipient of some of the funding.</p> <p>All appropriate NCC financial assurance processes will be followed to ensure that NCC effectively manages and monitors the funding.</p>
Briefing notes documents:	ROEF DCLG funded Project summary.pdf

Other Options Considered: The option to not act as Accountable Body for the grant was considered. No other organisations would be considered by DCLG to act as an alternative Accountable Body for these funds if Nottingham City Council decided not to take on this role. This option was therefore rejected as it would prevent the Rebalancing the Outer Estates Foundation from accessing the funding required to deliver the named project within its Business Plan.

Background Papers: None.

Published Works: None.

Affected Wards: Aspley, Basford, Bestwood, Bilborough, Bulwell, Bulwell Forest

Colleague / Councillor Interests: None.

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

Crime and Disorder Implications: The Economic Development activities to be funded through this grant will enhance the life chances of many residents in Nottingham North. This should have a positive impact on the Crime and Disorder rates in the six wards covered by this project.

Equality: Please login to the system to view the EIA document: EIA of RNN DDM.doc

Decision Type: Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In: Yes

Call In Expiry date: 11/04/2016

Advice Sought: Legal, Finance, Equality and Diversity

Legal Advice:

The City Council will need to agree and sign a grant agreement with DCLG. This may include clawback provisions and the requirement to confirm the grants to be issued by the City Council are not state aid. The City Council should include in any grant agreements it awards similar provisions to ensure it is able to recover any funding in the event of clawback by DCLG. Legal Services will assist the Development team as necessary to consider whether there are any state aid issues which need to be resolved and will advise on the application of any relevant exemptions. It is understood from discussions with the report author that the proposed distribution of the funds has been agreed with DCLG.

Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 25/02/2016.

Finance Advice:

Nottingham City Council will act as the Accountable Body for the £200,000 grant from the Department for Communities and Local Government awarded to the Rebalancing the Outer Estates Foundation. The funding has been agreed in line with an approved project plan and the delivery partner for each component of this plan will have a SLA. Payments will be made in line with each SLA and only released when agreed milestones have been delivered. There are no other specific requirements or conditions placed on the allocation of the grant. It is important that in fulfilling the Accountable Body role, the Financial Regulations of the City Council are adhered to.

As stated in the recommendations, the Director of Economic Development will be responsible for the monitoring of all information pertaining to this grant.

Advice provided by Susan Tytherleigh (Senior Finance Manager) on 08/03/2016.

Equality and Diversity Advice:

It will be important that the proposals utilise the expertise on the ground in the localities so that all the communities in those areas benefit. A robust review mechanism will further ensure that where problems arise remedial action can be taken.

Advice provided by Adisa Djan (Equalities and Diversity Consultant) on 02/03/2016.

Signatures

Nick McDonald (Portfolio Holder for Jobs, Growth and Transport)
SIGNED and Dated: 01/04/2016
David Bishop (Deputy CE, CD for Development and Growth)
SIGNED and Dated: 24/03/2016