

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



**Nottingham**  
**City Council**

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Subject:	Contribution to the Nottingham Music Service CIO
Total Value:	£50,000 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	To make a contribution to the Nottingham Music Services Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) towards the provision and retention of Music Services to schools, academies, children and young people in the City for the year 2015-2016.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>The Local Authority agreed to a contribution of £50,000 per annum to match the the income from the Arts Council of England funding to the Nottingham Music Hub. It is envisaged that after four years this contribution will be scaled back as the Organisation builds a different relationship with the Council.</p> <p>This proposal represents Value for Money for the Council in a number of ways:-The Music Service has a concentrated focus on a high proportion of children and young people in the City accessing the opportunity to learn an instrument and participate in positive activities with others.-This contribution to the work of the Service in the City, represents approximately 9% of the income generated to provide the service. This includes national grant funding, which looks for local contributions and other sponsorship into the Service. Thus, the contribution offers a very minimal match to greater funding secured from elsewhere.The service has proven most effective in its appeal and engagement of children and young people who would not normally get the opportunity and is regarded as a leading example of effectiveness and efficiency in the country.- The service is always seeking to improve and exploits the funding opportunities available to develop both fund-raising and pedagogical improvements.- The Trust Board is made up of both national and local figures who bring a wide range of experience and knowledge of operational, educational and cultural sectors, which is translated locally into best practice. This is then shared regionally and nationally.</p>
Other Options Considered:	Remove funding entirely - but this may have jeopardised greater funding from other sources. Taper funding for the organisation as it develops its offer within the City. It is proposed to review this contribution for 2016 onwards.

**Background Papers:**

**Published Works:**

**Affected Wards:**

Citywide

**Colleague / Councillor Interests:**

Cllr David Mellen is a trustee of the Organisation.  
Alistair Conquer is the Head of Service with arms-length oversight of the seconded staff.

**Consultations:**

Date: 28/12/2015  
Ward Councillors: David Mellen  
Cllr Mellen is a trustee of the Organisation

Date: 07/01/2016  
Chief Finance Officer: Ceri Walters, Ian Greatorex, Dee Fretwell  
Discussions have been on-going with Ceri Walters since March 2015

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

**Crime and Disorder Implications:**

The Service provides a range of activities beyond the school day that provide diversionary activities for children and young people.

**Equality:**

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**Decision Type:**

Portfolio Holder

**Subject to Call In:**

Yes

**Call In Expiry date:**

14/04/2016

**Advice Sought:**

Legal, Finance, Human Resources, Equality and Diversity

**Legal Advice:**

Under regulation 4 of and Schedule 1, paragraph 15 to the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2014 and regulation 4 of and Schedule 1, paragraph 15 to the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2015, expenditure on the provision of tuition in music, or on other activities which provide opportunities for pupils to enhance their experience of music, including expenditure on associated administrative costs and overheads, are prescribed for the purposes of section 45A(1) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 and the determination of a local authority's non-schools education budget.

Therefore, the expenditure proposed in this report is lawful, subject to Nottingham City Council complying with its internal financial regulations and processes. Advice provided by Jonathan Ludford-Thomas (Senior Solicitor) on 15/01/2016.

**Finance Advice:**

Financial support of £0.050m, to be allocated to Nottingham Music Service (NMS), up to March 2015, was approved in DDM 1406.

This decision requests a further contribution of £0.050m to support NMS for financial year 2015-2016. This funding has been identified and approved as part of the 2014-2015 closedown process.

The financial contribution from the Authority supported the application for securing ongoing investment from external sources. In this way the investment of £0.050m demonstrates value for money.

Funding beyond March 2016 will need to be the subject of a separate approval.

Advice provided by Dee Fretwell (Finance Analyst) on 19/01/2016.

**HR Advice:**

As this report concentrates on the funding being utilised for investment from external sources there are no Human Resource implications. Advice provided by Leanne Sharp (Service Redesign Consultant) on 26/01/2016.

**Equality and Diversity Advice:**

No significant equality issues identified. Advice provided by Adisa Djan (Equalities and Diversity Consultant) on 23/02/2016.

**Signatures**

Sam Webster (Portfolio Holder for Schools)
SIGNED and Dated: 07/04/2016
Alison Michalska (Corporate Director for Children and Adults)
SIGNED and Dated: 06/04/2016