

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

Pocket Park Funding for Barker Gate Rest Garden and Frinton Pocket Park

Total Value:

£27,050 (Type: Capital)

Decision Being Taken:

1. To accept £27,050 of funding from the DCLG Pocket Parks funding scheme for Barker Gate Rest Garden (£12,050) and Frinton Pocket Park (£15,000).
2. To agree to act as Accountable Body for the purposes of distribution and administration of the DCLG funding.
3. To approve dispensation from Financial Regulations to award these grants to the Nottingham City Women's Institute and Broxtowe Community Club.
4. Amend the capital programme to reflect the expenditure detailed.
5. To delegate authority to the Director of Sport & Culture to place orders relating to these projects.

Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>The Department of Communities and Local Government's (DCLG) Pocket Parks funding scheme was launched in November 2015 and two bids submitted for open spaces within the City of Nottingham.</p> <p>The Women's Institute (WI) submitted a bid for £12,050 of improvements to Barker Gate Rest Garden in the City Centre. The project aims to refurbish the space with new site furniture, a composting facility, bulb and shrub planting, lighting and tools to allow volunteers to work on the site. The WI will coordinate the project with support from the Parks and Open Spaces Service.</p> <p>Broxtowe Community Club submitted a bid for £15,000 to improve Frinton Pocket Park in Broxtowe. The project aims to turn a disused builder's yard into a quiet, safe and peaceful green area for food growing and educational activities. Broxtowe Community club will lead on the project with support from Nottingham City Homes who own the land.</p> <p>More information on the DCLG funding scheme can be found at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pocket-parks-support-for-communities-to-manage-small-green-spaces</p> <p>Under the terms and conditions of the grant, the funding is paid to Nottingham City Council who will then distribute the funds to the community groups for spend on the sites.</p>
Other Options Considered:	To not accept the grants would mean that the funding is lost.
Background Papers:	None
Published Works:	DCLG Pocket Parks funding scheme: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pocket-parks-support-for-communities-to-manage-small-green-spaces
Affected Wards:	Aspley, Bridge
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None
Dispensation from Financial Regulations:	Yes
Consultations:	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	Both projects aim to improve the open spaces and increase public use of them, thereby reducing the likelihood of crime and anti-social behaviour.

Equality: EIA not required. Reasons: There is no proposal for new or changing policies / services / functions or financial decisions that would have a major impact on services.

Decision Type: Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In: Yes

Call In Expiry date: 26/04/2016

Advice Sought: Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice: The proposals set out in the report raise no significant legal issues and, on the basis of the rationale set out, are supported. Advice provided by Malcolm Townroe (Legal Services Manager) on 19/02/2016.

Finance Advice:

- 1.The cost of this decision is £27,050, which will be funded from the Department of Communities and Local Government's (DCLG) Pocket Parks fund.
- 2.The capital programme will need amending to reflect this scheme.
3. There is minimal risk to the council as these projects will be supported by the Parks and Open Spaces Service.
4. This decision will not have an impact on the Medium Term Financial Plan as there will not be any increase in revenue costs to the Council as these schemes will be incorporated within the existing parks maintenance budgets.
5. Dispensation from tendering requirements is sought under financial regulations 3.29. as under the terms and conditions of the grant, the funding will be paid to Nottingham City Council who will then distribute the funds to the approved community groups for spend on the sites.(The Women's Institute (WI) & Broxtowe Community Club.

Advice provided by Steve Ross (Finance Analyst) on 19/02/2016.

Procurement Advice: Approval to dispense with Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.1 in accordance with Financial Regulation (3.29) (Operational Issues) to allow for a direct award these grants to the Nottingham City Women's Institute and Broxtowe Community Club is required and the proposal raises no significant procurement issues.

Advice provided by Paul Ritchie (Procurement Category Manager) on 23/02/2016.

Signatures

David Trimble (Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture)
SIGNED and Dated: 18/04/2016
Andrew Vaughan (Corporate Director Commercial and Operations)
SIGNED and Dated: 06/04/2016

Theresa Channell (Head of Corporate and Strategic Finance) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations
SIGNED and Dated: 21/03/2016
Chief Finance Officer's Comments: