

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

Consultancy study - Health, Well-being and Care Hub at Basford Hall

Total Value:

£45k total project value
(Type: Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

1. agree to the commissioning of a consultancy study on behalf of Nottingham City Council, Further Education Partners and the 'Rebalancing the Outer Estates Foundation' on the future vision around a Health, Well-being and Care sector/provision in Nottingham North.
2. note that the study will be equally funded by all three partners at £15k each (£45k in total)
3. approve the Council's contribution of £15k revenue funding
4. agree that the Council will undertake the procurement of a consultant on behalf of the stakeholders.
5. delegate authority to the Strategic Director of economic innovation and employment to award the contract to the successful consultant.

Reasons for the Decision(s)

Nottingham North suffers from multiple deprivation which limits the education, work aspirations and opportunities for its residents. In March 2016, senior stakeholders in the development of Nottingham North met to consider the collective ambitions for a Health, Well-being and Care Hub potentially at the Basford Hall campus.

It was agreed that major opportunities and latent demand existed in the growth sector of health and social care and the merger of the two colleges provides a major opportunity in the community to expand and extend training delivery especially in this sector.

The Council in partnership with the New College Nottingham (NCN) and the Rebalancing Outer Estates Foundation wish to procure a joint consultancy study to research the benefits, opportunities and influence regeneration at Basford Hall campus (see attached consultants brief for the scope of the study).

The objective of the study is to provide a vision to guide developments (both physical and non-physical) connected to the Basford Hall site. This will then be used to secure stakeholder agreement and funding to deliver the vision over the short, medium and long-term.

The first stage of the consultancy study will focus initially on the research and investigation into the development of training and work opportunities in the growth area of health and social care which could potentially strengthen the future of the merged colleges. Subsequent stages will look at research in external/alternative funding streams and potential physical development of Basford Hall and on under-used parts of Stockhill Park.

There is insufficient in-house resource and expertise in this area of research. The procurement of an external consultant now will retain the projects momentum and capitalise on the merger of the colleges, the review of their asset management plans and development of a new joint curriculum.

A Service Level Agreement (SLA) that the Council had with Nottingham Regeneration Ltd terminated on 31st March 2016. There is current year financial capacity (to meet any final costs of the SLA) which has been confirmed is not required and can be diverted to meet the Council's contribution toward the consultancy study.

Briefing notes documents:

20160331 Consultants brief Basford Hall.docx

Other Options Considered:

To not complete the consultancy study or delay the study until the Broadmarsh Skills Hub is finalised. These two options were rejected for the following reasons:-

- a) the impending merger of the two colleges, the review of their asset management plans and the development of a new joint curriculum is a timely opportunity for the study to work in parallel.
- b) the availability of current funding from all three partners which may not be available in the future.

Background Papers:

none

Published Works:

none

Affected Wards:	Basford
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	none
Use of Consultants	Number of Days:90 Rate per Day:500 Total value:45000 Start date:30/05/2016 End date:31/07/2016
Reason for using a consultant:	An external consultant is required to undertake this study who has an understanding and experience of developing both economic and physical redevelopment proposals, coupled with expertise in further education and the new growth area of health and social care.
Other options considered:	Deliver the study in house - This was rejected as there is no internal expertise to undertake this specialised type of research and investigation.
Name of consultant:	To be confirmed after the procurement process
Reason for selection?	The procurement process will evaluate the bids/quotation and award the contract to the successful consultant based on quality of their bid and value for money
Has the consultant previously completed work for the City Council?	All consultants being asked to bid are already known to the Council for their level of expertise in this area - (although the successful consultant may not have previously worked for the Council)
Specific activities to be undertaken by the consultant are:	The consultant will be expected to produce a 'vision' for Basford Hall. The consultants will be specifically asked to address the following:- 1) A vision for a Health, Well-being and Social Care hub for learning and employment can be delivered in Nottingham North considering NCN's Basford Hall campus, surrounding land and connected assets. 2) An analysis of the social, economic and physical context within which this sits, including an analysis of current and future supply and demand 3) An exploration of the components of the vision - educational, work-related and physical and an identification of key opportunities and potential funding streams 4) An assessment of the potential feasibility of the developments and challenges to overcome 5) A view on timescales over which development could take place 6) A proposal for the next steps
Period of engagement:	Three months
By what process was the consultant selected?	Procurement process of three quotations and selection process
Consultations:	Date: 23/10/2015 Ward Councillors: Cat Arnold, Alex Norris, Linda Woodings Councillors have previously approved the undertaking of the consultancy study

Date: 29/01/2016
Other: Councillor Graham Chapman, Deputy Leader. Councillor Nick McDonald, Portfolio Holder for Jobs, Growth and Transport. Graham Allan MP.
All three were consulted and approved of the decision.

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
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Crime and Disorder Implications:

not applicable

Equality:

EIA not required. Reasons: this is not a new or changing policy, service or function
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Social Value Considerations:

does not apply

Relates to staffing:

Yes

Decision Type:

Officer

Executive Decision?

Yes

Scheme of Delegation Reference Number or Other Source of Delegation:

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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:
Consultation Date: 01/01/0001

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement, Human Resources
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Legal Advice: This report raises no significant legal issues. Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 28/04/2016.

Finance Advice: This decision seeks approval for the Council to spend a total of £45k in respect of a feasibility study on the redevelopment / training options for Basford Hall (ref N-H-3525). The cost will be financed as follows:
£15,000 contribution from New College Nottingham;
£15,000 Council approved budget. This budget line is subject to a savings reduction and will no longer be available after March 2017;
£15,000 contribution from the "Rebalancing the Outer Estates" grant funding received by the Council in February 2016
There will be a procurement process in accordance with the Council's financial regulations to ensure best value. The regeneration team will put appropriate measures in place to secure the necessary funding to cover the expenditure to take place. The regeneration team will also oversee the consultants to ensure the feasibility study is undertaken within the agreed specification.
Advice provided by Maria Balchin (Finance Analyst) on 12/04/2016.

Procurement Advice: There are no significant concerns with the recommendations set out within the report. The procurement team will support the client with the procurement of the Consultant.
Advice provided by Sue Oliver (Category Manager - Procurement) on 07/04/2016.

HR Advice: The research requires specialist consultant expertise that we do not have in-house therefore therefore the project requires an external consultant. It is noted that the use of consultants is high in Development and Growth and while that won't affect this request it is noted there is a full review of consultants taking place with a focus on employing staff directly where possible. Advice provided by Hannah Gemmill (HR Business Partner) on 11/04/2016.

Signatures: Jon Collins (Leader of the Council)
SIGNED and Dated: 03/05/2016

David Bishop (Corporate Director)
SIGNED and Dated: 05/05/2016