

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



**Nottingham**  
**City Council**

<b>Reference Number:</b>	2579
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<b>Subject:</b>	Bestwood Estates Community Garden WREN
<b>Total Value:</b>	36229.00 (Type: Revenue)
<b>Decision Being Taken:</b>	To allow Communities to act as the grant grantee for Bestwood Estates Community Centre for the grant they have been awarded from WREN to undertake their community garden project.
<b>Reasons for the Decision(s)</b>	The Community Association which manages the Community Centre have been working with local people to put together a volunteer lead community garden project. The centre applied to WREN for external funding to enable the project to be undertaken by the charity Groundworks to manage and work with the volunteers to design and plant up a community garden. The external funder has requested Communities to act as the grant grantee due to the centre not yet receiving a lease which covers the grounds where the garden is to be planted. In 2015 Communities made a contribution of £4,500 revenue to act as third party sponsor to enable the project to have a feasibility undertaken and the application to be submitted.
<b>Briefing notes documents:</b>	WREN breakdown.pdf, 3rd party funding letter.pdf
<b>Other Options Considered:</b>	The funding was applied for independently by the Bestwood Community Association Charity. The funder has requested Nottingham City Council to receive the funding on the Association's behalf as the landowner and to make a single payment equal to the full amount of funding to Groundworks. To do nothing would mean the project could not go ahead.
<b>Background Papers:</b>	None

**Published Works:** WREN - Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd Grant Application and Grant Agreement

**Affected Wards:** Bestwood

**Colleague / Councillor Interests:** Councillor B Grocock and Neighbourhood Development Officer Ms D Griffin have been supporting the Association with this bid.

**Consultations:**  
Date: 31/05/2016  
Ward Councillors: Brian Grocock  
Councillor Grocock has been supporting the Association throughout this process and has attended meetings and consultations with local people. He asked to be kept up to date with progress and would like a storyboard with pictures and progress throughout.

Date: 31/05/2016  
Other: Neighbourhood Development Officer Dale Griffin  
Dale has been working with the group since 2015 to put together the ideas and aspirations of local people into a funding bid to external funders

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision. The decision being requested has no financial implications for Nottingham City Council

**Crime and Disorder Implications:** The Community Garden will be open for local people to come and volunteer, enjoy and socialise through gardening 7 days a week from 8.30am though to at least 8pm when the Community Centre will shut. At present the area is unused. The provision of a community garden will provide a focus and community space managed and supported by local people giving a sense of community and local ownership.

**Equality:** EIA not required. Reasons: No financial implications to Nottingham City Council; this is a community project serving people from the surrounding locality with support from the Neighbourhood Development Officer and Community Centre.

**Relates to Council Property Assets:** Yes

**Decision Type:** Officer

**Executive Decision?** Yes

**Scheme of Delegation Reference Number or Other Source of Delegation:** Delegation One

**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, Property**

**Legal Advice:**

Provided that the terms of the grant and, in particular, the required deliverables and any clawback provisions are fully understood and accepted then the proposals set out in the report raise no significant legal issues and are supported. Advice provided by Malcolm Townroe (Legal Services Manager) on 11/08/2016.

**Finance Advice:**

1.The cost of this decision is £36,229,this will be funded from WREN grant.  
2.The association have submitted a successful bid for this project and WREN have asked the City Council will act as grant grantee for Bestwood Estates Community Centre community garden project as the council are owners of the land.  
3. The terms and conditions of the grant offer little risk to the City Council and the Service have a lot of experience working with WREN.  
4. The scheme will have no impact on the Medium Term Financial Plan , but will help increase the community participation and sustainability of the association and centre.  
  
Advice provided by Steve Ross (Finance Analyst) on 02/08/2016.

**Property Advice:**

As this is a freehold property there are no property implications with this proposal. Advice provided by Peter Taylor (Senior Surveyor) on 28/07/2016.

**Signatures:**

**Andy (Corporate Director)**  
**SIGNED and Dated: 24/08/2016**