

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



**Nottingham**  
**City Council**

<b>Reference Number:</b>	2594
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<b>Subject:</b>	Smart Cities Foreign and Commonwealth Office Grant
<b>Total Value:</b>	£48,650.00 (Type: Revenue)
<b>Decision Being Taken:</b>	<p>1) To agree to receive a grant of £48,650.00 from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to deliver Smart Cities project work in Chandigarh, India, involving officer time and related expenses.</p> <p>2) To delegate authority to Director Economic Development to negotiate and sign the grant agreement with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.</p>
<b>Reasons for the Decision(s)</b>	Nottingham City Council is working with Chandigarh Municipal Council to deliver services on Smart Cities activity. The initial project on waste management will be delivered by a team led by Nottingham City Council. This is part of the International Strategy work.
<b>Other Options Considered:</b>	<p>Funding the project from council budget. Rejected - the funding helps build relations with Chandigarh and subsidises the activity of the council as part of its international strategy.</p> <p>Not delivering the project. Rejected - we tendered for the consultancy and have been accepted by Chandigarh and FCO in India as delivery partners. The project will help build relations with Chandigarh and open the door for further smart cities consultancy and income for the council.</p>
<b>Background Papers:</b>	<p>1) FCO Grant Document (attached)</p> <p>2) International Strategy Board Update February 2016 (attached)</p>
<b>Unpublished background papers:</b>	03 05 2016 Grant Contract Short Form.docx, International Strategy Board Update Feb 2016.docx

**Published Works:** **None.**

**Affected Wards:** **Citywide**

**Colleague / Councillor Interests:** **None.**

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

**Crime and Disorder Implications:** **None.**

**Equality:** **EIA not required. Reasons: An EIA is not proportionate as the project is not delivered in Nottingham and will not affect any Nottingham citizens.**

**Social Value Considerations:** **None.**

**Decision Type:** **Officer**

**Executive Decision?** **Yes**

**Scheme of Delegation Reference Number or Other Source of Delegation:** **1**

**Advice Sought:** **Legal, Finance, Procurement**

**Legal Advice:**

**This report raises no significant legal issues. The City Council must comply with the terms of the FCO grant. The provisions of the FCO grant oblige the City Council to tender for any services or supplies it may require for the project even though the likely spend is less than £50k for which the City Council's own rules would only require quotes. If in doubt consent should be obtained from FCO first.**

**Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 02/09/2016.**

**Finance Advice:**

**This decision seeks approval to incur expenditure totalling £48,650, which will be resourced from a grant to be awarded to the Council from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office.**

**The Director for Economic Innovation and Employment will put in place the necessary processes to ensure compliance to the grant conditions and reporting requirements in order to avoid an overspend. The expenditure will be incurred in accordance with the Council's financial regulations.**

**Advice provided by Maria Balchin (Finance Analyst) on 05/09/2016.**

**Procurement Advice:**

**There are no procurement implications with this report.**

**Advice provided by Paul Ritchie (Procurement Category Manager) on 31/08/2016.**

**Signatures:**

**David (Corporate Director Development and Growth)**

**SIGNED and Dated: 13/09/2016**