

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Core Cities - annual subscription 16/17
Total Value:	43,750.00 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	To renew Nottingham's membership of the Core Cities Group for 16/17. This covers the direct operating costs and expenses of the network and the delivery of the Core Cities Cabinet's work programme.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>Membership of the Core Cities Group enables Nottingham to work closely with the nine other Core Cities in the UK on areas of mutual benefit, and engage more effectively with Government and other influential stakeholders to further the Core Cities agenda. In light of the recent EU Referendum outcome and resulting uncertainties, it is more important than ever that UK cities work together to further their mutual objectives, and raise the profile of UK cities internationally. The Core Cities Group have regular discussions with Government on economic growth and public sector reform agendas, both of which are key areas for Nottingham City Council. As an authority, Nottingham City gains significant influence and a higher profile for being a Core City. Nottingham also gains access to expertise, problem solving and information from the other Core Cities.</p> <p>This is a renewal of a long standing membership and the cost is contained within the corporate budget. Membership subscriptions were reduced for three years between 2011/12- 2013/14 in recognition of the budget pressures facing local authorities, and Core Cities reserves were used to bridge any budget gap. In 2015/16 the Core cities agreed to an additional one-off contribution of £10,000 to replenish reserves, however the subscription for 2016/17 has reverted to the previous level. The 2016/17 subscription will allow the group to continue its current workstreams and maintain the prominence of Core Cities nationally and internationally.</p>
Other Options Considered:	Not renewing the subscription for 16/17; however this would mean Nottingham losing its status as a Core City and the concomitant influence and profile that comes with being a member of the group.

Background Papers: **None**

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: This decision does not include proposals for new or changing council policies or functions**

Decision Type: **Officer**

Executive Decision? **Yes**

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

Subject to Call In: **No**

The call-in procedure does not apply to the decision because the value of the decision is below the call in threshold.

Advice Sought: **Legal, Finance**

Legal Advice: **There are no legal implications arising from the contents of this report. Advice provided by Sarah Molyneux (Legal Services Manager) on 21/10/2016.**

Finance Advice:

The value of the decision (£43,750) is the cost of renewing the City's subscription to the Core Cities Group. Payment will be made to the groups administering authority and covers the period 1/4/2016 - 31/3/2017

The cost will be met from an on going corporate revenue provision for subscriptions as incorporated in the currently approved Medium Term Financial Plan.

Value for money will accrue to the extent that the City's representation within the Core Cities Group yields added value or reduced costs arising from access to the group's collective expertise and influence.

Advice provided by Dee Fretwell (Finance Analyst) on 14/11/2016.

Signatures:

Ian (Chief Executive, Nottingham City Council)

SIGNED and Dated: 22/11/2016