

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

Disability Sport Insight and Participation Partnership - Sport England Grant Funding

Total Value:

£399,100.00 Total project which includes £332,100 grant funding and £67,000 partnership funding (Type: Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

1. To accept the Sport England Grant of £332,100
2. To approve a partnership contribution to the project from Nottingham City Council totalling £67,000
3. To approve dispensation from Contract procedure rules 5.1.2 in accordance with Financial Regulations 3.29 (operational issues) to direct award a contract to Nottingham Community & Voluntary Service ("NCVS") to deliver an element of the project to the value of £96,000 (£48,000 per annum over 2 years) commencing Autumn 2016.
4. Approval to use part of the funding to recruit a Disability Sport Manager. This post would be responsible for driving the Council Plan commitment to Nottingham being the Fastest Growing City for Disability Sport. The recruitment to the post is a non-executive decision for which approval is sought from the Corporate Director for Commercial and Operation Services.

Reasons for the Decision(s)

1. To accept the funding in order to deliver the project. Please see attached project brief.
2. As a funding body, Sport England require some financial commitment from the delivering organisation as a demonstration of their commitment to the project. The cash contribution from NCC (£23,500 over 3 years) is an investment in the City's leisure facilities to make them more accessible to users with a disability and to support some delivery of activity. The funding (£23,500 over 3 years) is to facilitate access to the leisure centres for disability groups in order to conduct meaningful consultation and help to shape the service.
3. To approve dispensation from Contract Procedure rules - in order to achieve success in the project, there is a need for partnering with both established experts in the disability and sports sector and the emerging voices in non-sporting community agencies who engage with our target audiences. NCVS have over 120 community organisations that have a specific disability focus to their objectives registered with them. Alongside this we have recognised that there are a further significant number of organisations that have members with a disability / long term condition engaging in their activities. NCVS have a network of over 1200 such organisations registered with them). Insight from Sport England's national disability work, tells us that people with a disability are more likely to engage though a trusted person / organisation, therefore, with the project being time limited to 2 years, the decision is to engage with an organisation that already has the relationship with the number and diversity of groups. We believe that NCVS is in a unique position in Nottingham in order to provide this service.
4. To recruit a Disability Sport Manager - in order to maximise success of this project there needs to be project management from someone who has both a speciality knowledge in disability participation, but also has the ability and experience to work at a national level. Due to the scale of the project, this requires a dedicated resource that will not only manage the project and deliver the outcomes, but will also drive the agenda for being the "Fastest Growing City for Disability Sport". Within the current establishment there is not the resource, or experience to fulfill this work.

Briefing notes documents:

Copy of 20160329 Disability Sport Core City Budget Appendix B.xls, 20160317 Disability Sport Nottingham CC Overarching Narrative Document.docx

Other Options Considered:

1. Do not accept the award. This could result in the Service not being able to achieve its strategy and manifesto commitment to being the Fastest Growing City for Disability Sport.
2. To tender for the engagement and consultation element of the project. This would mean that it would be unlikely to realise effective outcomes of the project for the following reasons:
 - a). NCVS already have a ready network of 120 citywide groups with disability as their main focus. With this being a 2 year project, it would be unrealistic to expect an alternative organisation to be able to establish a comparable network and to build the trusted relationships that are required for the consultation element of the project within the timescales.
 - b). NCVS have a current relationship with 1100 community groups which although don't have disability as their main focus, their members, due to their demographic will probably have either a "long term condition" or disability, which will allow us to consult with a much wider City audience.
3. Do not recruit a Disability Sport Manager for the life of the project. This would mean that we would not have the resource within the existing establishment to deliver the project and drive the strategic and manifesto commitment

Background Papers:

Sport England Award letter dated 22 June 2016

Unpublished background papers:	Award Offer Letter.pdf
Published Works:	Sport and Leisure Strategy 2015 - 2019
Affected Wards:	Citywide
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None identified
Dispensation from Financial Regulations:	Yes
Consultations:	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	None
Equality:	Please login to the system to view the EIA document: EIA - Disability Insight and Partnership Project (2).doc
Social Value Considerations:	In line with the Council priority for "Putting the Citizen at the Heart" of all of our services, the aim of the project is to better understand those citizens with a disability and / or long term condition, in order to shape the service offer as the best possible opportunities for our citizens to access sport and physical activity in order to achieve a positive outcome on both their physical and mental wellbeing.
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	16/12/2016
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Procurement, Human Resources, Equality and Diversity
Legal Advice:	This decision raises no significant issues. The justification to award part of the project delivery to NCVS is appropriate in the circumstances given it's unique position within the community to access target individuals/groups, giving the project the best opportunity to be effective. The Service will need to ensure that the project remains within the conditions set out in the Grant funding Agreement with Sport England. Advice provided by Connie Green (Solicitor) on 26/07/2016.

Finance Advice:	<p>See attached Advice provided by Ceri Walters (Finance Business Partner) on 02/12/2016.</p> <p>Advice documents: Financial advice.docx</p>
Procurement Advice:	<p>The request to approve dispensation from Contract Procedure Rules 5.1.2 in accordance with Financial Regulations 3.29 (Operational Issues) to direct award a contract, is supported by Procurement on the basis of the organisation's unique established position with links to community organisations with a specific disability focus. The value of the proposed contract does not exceed the threshold for European and UK Procurement Regulations. Advice provided by Nicola Harrison (Procurement Lead Officer) on 22/07/2016.</p>
HR Advice:	<p>As the post is initially temporary, an appropriate exit strategy must be in place in order to terminate the contract in line with NCC guidance and national legislation, in the result that the post cannot be made permanent at the end of the fixed term period. Management will need to ensure appropriate timelines are in place to notify the affected employee and give appropriate contractual notice. If individuals have over 2 years continuous service, they will be entitled to statutory redundancy payment. Management should consider this when confirming the initial length of fixed term contract. Advice provided by Makeshya Henningham (Service Redesign Consultant) on 14/07/2016.</p>
Equality and Diversity Advice:	<p>The proposal has the potential to improve and increase the health and well being of some the city's most vulnerable and citizens. It will be important to ensure that robust monitoring and continuous consultation is at its core to enable any necessary remedial actions. Advice provided by Adisa Djan (Equalities and Diversity Consultant) on 15/08/2016.</p>
Signatures	<p>David Trimble (Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture)</p> <p>SIGNED and Dated: 06/12/2016</p> <p>Andrew Vaughan (Corporate Director Commercial and Operations)</p> <p>SIGNED and Dated: 06/12/2016</p> <p>Theresa Channell (Head of Corporate and Strategic Finance) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations</p> <p>SIGNED and Dated: 02/12/2016</p> <p>Chief Finance Officer's Comments:</p>