

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	The use of Care and Support Specialised Housing Funding for Independent Living Scheme
Total Value:	£690,000 (Type: Capital)
Decision Being Taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To accept the offer of a grant of £690,000 from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) subject to the terms set out in the HCA's grant agreement, to help fund the development of the accommodation for older people in the Strelley Road Independent Living Scheme;2. to enter into the HCA's grant agreement.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>The second phase of the Care and Support Specialised Housing Programme (which supports the provision of accommodation for vulnerable groups, including older people) was announced on 10th March 2016. Officers submitted a bid to support the redevelopment of older persons accommodation in Strelley Road (replacing the Stepney Court flats) on 23rd June 2016. The Council was awarded a £690,000 grant towards the cost of this development. The funding will support an enhanced specification for the Independent Living Scheme including a tenant communal lounge and 30 independent living units.</p> <p>A Portfolio Holder's decision is required to accept the bid and to enter into the grant agreement with HCA. The Council's Executive Board approved the development of the Strelley Road Joint Service Centre and Independent Living Scheme on 17th June 2014.</p> <p>Planning permission was granted in February 2016</p>
Other Options Considered:	<p>The option of not approving this spend of the Care and Support Specialised Housing fund on the scheme will have the following impact:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) the funding would have to be repaid back to the Homes and Communities Agency which could affect the reputation that Nottingham City Council has with the HCA;2) the cost to the HRA programme would have to increase. <p>Therefore this option was rejected.</p>

Background Papers:	None
Published Works:	None
Affected Wards:	Aspley, Bilborough
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None
Consultations:	<p>Date: 22/03/2016</p> <p>Ward Councillors: Graham Chapman, Alan Clark, David Trimble, Jane Urquhart</p> <p>Decision following tender to continue with detailed design before entering into a contract with the selected contractor</p>
	<p>Date: 16/11/2016</p> <p>Area Committees: Area 3: Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley</p> <p>Verbal update for West Area Committee</p>
	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	None
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: An EIA was produced when the scheme was approved in June 2014. As additional funding is required for this scheme, the EIA will be updated alongside the Business Case following Portfolio consultation on 13th Dec 2016. The updated EIA will be provided as part of a separate delegated decision in January 2017.
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	21/12/2016
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance

Legal Advice:

This report does not raise any significant legal issues; however the City Council must ensure it complies with the terms of the HCA grant agreement and should include appropriate provisions in any contracts with providers/contractors to minimise the risk of clawback of funding. Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 01/12/2016.

Finance Advice:

The decision is to accept a capital grant of £0.690m from the HCA to support the construction of an independent living scheme in Strelley. The scheme includes 30+ flats and a communal room and will be owned by the Council and managed by Nottingham City Homes. The scheme was approved for inclusion in the Public Sector Housing Capital Programme at the Executive Board meeting in June 2014.

To meet the conditions of the grant, the construction will need to be complete by March 2019.

Advice provided by Julie Dorrington (Finance Analyst (Housing)) on 29/11/2016.

Signatures

Jane Urquhart (Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing)
SIGNED and Dated: 14/12/2016
David Bishop (Deputy CE, CD for Development and Growth)
SIGNED and Dated: 08/12/2016