

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



**Nottingham**  
**City Council**

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Subject:

Electric bus charging infrastructure grant award

Total Value:

£921,139 (Type: Capital)

Decision Being Taken:

- 1) To note the submission of a bid to the Department for Transport (DfT) for grant funding in connection with the Secretary of State's Low Emission Bus Scheme;
- 2) To authorise receipt of the external grant funding from the DfT for the expansion of the electric bus charging network across Nottingham to include rapid charging points at various locations, relief and trickle charging at various locations and on-board charging equipment and upgrades to various existing electric buses;
- 3) To delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Development to authorise the spend of the grant funding in accordance with the bid submission, offer letter and supplementary documents ensuring compliance with the bid and the Council's Constitutional and Public Contract Regulations obligations.

**Reasons for the Decision(s)**

The electric bus fleet of 58 buses is employed on all the City Council's contracted bus services. To improve operational efficiency and make over £200k pa cost savings, a bid to receive grant funding from the DfT to enable the Council to install a wider network of fast and overnight charging points, has been made. This has been successful, with implementation expected to take place over 2017 and 2018 in accordance with Grant Offer Letter conditions and supplementary documents and discussions with the DfT in terms of required delivery.

The funds will be spent in the following areas :

Rapid charging points at various locations, and to a range of different specifications      £500,000 est

Relief and trickle charging at various locations and to a range of different specifications    £ 220,000 est

On-board charging equipment and upgrades to various existing electric buses  
£200,000 est

**Other Options Considered:**

Not receiving the grant would limit the operational efficiency, range and flexibility of these buses. In order to meet upcoming budget savings, this would mean that at least two contracted services would need to be cut as a result.

**Background Papers:**

**Published Works:**

**Affected Wards:**

Citywide

**Colleague / Councillor Interests:**

**Consultations:**

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

**Crime and Disorder Implications:**

not applicable

**Equality:**

EIA not required. Reasons: No negative impact on any resident

**Decision Type:** Portfolio Holder

**Subject to Call In:** Yes

**Call In Expiry date:** 28/03/2017

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

**Legal Advice:**

The proposals in this report raise no significant legal issues and are supported.

The Council has submitted a bid to DfT for the receipt of grant funding to assist the installation a wider network of electric bus charging infrastructure in the City. DfT has notified the Council it has been successful and funding will be awarded in accordance with a Grant Offer Letter and Supplementary documents from DfT detailing the conditions of the award.

The Council must ensure compliance with the grant offer conditions to ensure no risk of claw-back of the funding.

It is understood that the funding will be used for a number of different elements, some new and some expanding on existing infrastructure and the service area will need to ensure that the Council's Constitution and Public Contracts Regulations 2015 are complied with in terms of how the funding is used and that appropriate procurement exercises are undertaken where required.

Legal services will assist in conjunction with Procurement colleagues where necessary to ensure compliance with appropriate procedures and grant conditions. Advice provided by Dionne Claire Screamon (Solicitor) on 14/03/2017.

**Finance Advice:**

This decision seeks approval to receive and spend £0.921m OLEV capital grant.

The grant will fund expenditure on increasing the network of overnight charging points. The strategy has been identified as a priority that is due to deliver a Big Ticket saving of £0.200m in future years once fully implemented.

Match funding £0.370m had been identified as part of the bid, this amount has been spent and had been funded from the WPL and other grant sources.

The grant is paid in arrears and must be claimed by March 2018, if not any unclaimed sums may be lost.

The service must ensure the terms and conditions of the grant as per the grant awarding body are kept and all claims are submitted are within the remit of these conditions.

Chanelle Poyser  
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Advice provided by Chanelle Poyser (Commercial Business Partner) on 13/03/2017.

**Procurement Advice:**

**There are no procurement concerns surrounding this report and procurement will work with the report author to ensure that any external spend will be carried in compliance with our Contract Procedure Rules. Advice provided by Paul Ritchie (Lead Procurement Officer) on 10/03/2017.**

**Signatures**

<b>Nick McDonald (PH for Business, Growth and Transport)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 20/03/2017</b>
<b>David Bishop (Deputy CE, CD for Development and Growth)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 15/03/2017</b>