

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Contribution to the Nottingham Music Service
Total Value:	£30,000 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	To make a contribution of £30,000 to the Nottingham Music Service (CIO) towards the provision and retention of Music Services to schools, academies, children and young people in the city for the financial year 2016 - 17
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>As part of the original decision to support the transfer of the charity the Local Authority agreed to a cash contribution to support the funding provided by the Arts Council England (ACE); but that this would be agreed through a separate process. This has been scaled back from the £50,000 contributed in previous years as recommended in the previous decision.</p> <p>This proposal represents Value for Money for the Council in a number of ways: The Music Service has a concentrated focus on a high proportion of children and young people in the City accessing the opportunity to learn an instrument and participate in positive activities with others. This contribution to the work of the Service in the City, represents approximately 3.5% of the income generated to provide the service. This includes national grant funding, which looks for local contributions and other sponsorship into the Service. Thus, the contribution offers a very minimal match to greater funding secured from elsewhere. The service has proven most effective in its appeal and engagement of children and young people who would not normally get the opportunity and is regarded as a leading example of effectiveness and efficiency in the country. The service is always seeking to improve and exploits the funding opportunities available to develop both fund-raising and pedagogical improvements. The service is one of only 173 organisations nationally awarded the Catalyst:Evolve grant from ACE to incentivize the development of philanthropic giving. The Trust Board is made up of both national and local figures who bring a wide range of experience and knowledge of operational, educational and cultural sectors, which is translated locally into best practice. This is then shared regionally and nationally.</p>
Other Options Considered:	Not contributing funding was rejected as it will jeopardise the future of the Music Service being able to obtain funding from other sources.

Background Papers:

None

Published Works:

Contribution to Nottingham Music Service CIO, DDM Ref 2408, published 07-04-2016

Affected Wards:

Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests:

None

Consultations:

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

The service provides a range of activities beyond the school day that provide diversionary activities for children and young people.

Equality:

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Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

Yes

Call In Expiry date:

03/04/2017

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Equality and Diversity

Legal Advice:

If the Finance Advice for this delegated decision supports the proposed contribution to the Nottingham Music Service and the Finance Advice also confirms that this decision complies with Nottingham City Council's Financial Regulations, implementation of the proposal would appear to be reasonable. Therefore, from a legal viewpoint it would be advisable the proposal is implemented. Advice provided by Jonathan Ludford-Thomas (Senior Solicitor) on 08/02/2017.

Finance Advice:

Previous decisions have approved financial support of £0.050m for 2014/15 and 2015/16.

This decision requests a further contribution of £0.030m for 2016/17. The funding has been identified and approved as part of the 2016/17 closedown process.

The financial contribution from the Authority supports the application of securing investment from external sources. In this regard, the investment of £0.030m represents value for money.

Funding commitments beyond 2016/17 will need to be assessed and based on the Authority's ability to continue with a financial contribution.

Advice provided by Christine Green (Senior Commercial Business Partner) on 22/02/2017.

Equality and Diversity Advice:

The application of the funding to ensure that the diversity of young people and children taking part is wide enough to reflect the profile of the city ensuring that music in all its forms is an equitable entitlement. Advice provided by Adisa Djan (Equalities and Diversity Consultant) on 24/02/2017.

Signatures

Sam Webster (PH for Education, Employment and Skills)
SIGNED and Dated: 27/03/2017
Alison Michalska (Corporate Director for Children and Adults)
SIGNED and Dated: 27/03/2017