

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Extension of existing apprenticeship training provision contract
Total Value:	£45,000 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	To grant dispensation from the Council's Contract Procedure Rules in accordance with paragraph 3.29 of the Council's Financial Regulations and to take up the option to extend existing apprenticeship contract with New College Nottingham to 30/06/2017 as detailed in Tender for the provision of Apprenticeships Ref CPU1646.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	Development of new NCC apprenticeship procurement framework has been delayed until early July. A new cohort of apprentices start with NCC in May and will need to be signed up to training in June 2017.
Other Options Considered:	To run several mini procurement exercises to secure apprenticeship training. This option has been rejected due to the additional office time and resource required.
Background Papers:	None
Published Works:	None
Affected Wards:	Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None
Dispensation from Financial Regulations:	Yes
Consultations:	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	N/A
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: NCC already work in partnership with NCN who have an Equal Opportunities policy in place. Apprenticeship training is accessible to all.
Social Value Considerations:	N/A
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	19/07/2017
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Procurement
Legal Advice:	The proposals contained within the report raise no significant legal issues and are supported. Advice provided by Malcolm Townroe (Legal Services Manager) on 01/06/2017.
Finance Advice:	The cost of this decision is £45,000. This cost will be met from the City Council's apprenticeship service account. This account contains the total of contributions (0.5% of salary costs) made by the City Council. In the circumstances the dispensation from contract procedure rules is reasonable. Advice provided by Ian Greatorex (Finance Project Manager) on 15/05/2017.

Procurement Advice:

The extension requested by the report author allows a temporary solution for the provision of apprenticeship training to continue whilst a new framework is being tendered which will replace this agreement. On this basis, there are no procurement concerns.

Advice provided by Rosalie Parkin (Category Manager) on 12/05/2017.

Signatures

Sam Webster (PH for Business, Education and Skills)
SIGNED and Dated: 10/07/2017
Candida Brudenell (Corporate Director for Strategy and Resources)
SIGNED and Dated: 04/07/2017
Geoff Walker (Strategic Director Finance/CFO) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations
SIGNED and Dated: 22/06/2017
Chief Finance Officer's Comments: