

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

Innovation Gateway Membership

Total Value:

Exempt (Type: Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

To grant dispensation from Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.2, in accordance with Financial Regulation 3.29, to accept the invite to become a partner of the Innovation Gateway, and approve payment of the annual subscription detailed in the exempt appendix.

To delegate authority to the Director for Commercial, Infrastructure & Energy Services to negotiate and sign the partner agreement to accede as a member of the Innovation Gateway.

Reasons for the Decision(s)

The Innovation Gateway shares best practise and experience between top-tier partners; sources innovation that solves challenges common to the partners; shares performance data and experience from pilots. The partners are leading national/international organisations from industry and academic sectors. Innovation Gateway has selected the Council to be its only public sector representative based on it's success in its energy, clean, green agenda.

The opportunity to partner with RBS, Tesco, Heathrow, Kingfisher, Carillion, Unite Group and Universities of Cambridge & Edinburgh as their local authority choice, presents significant opportunities for commercialism and further recognition as a sector lead on this agenda.

Introduction

The growth of the Energy Projects Service and delivery of energy projects over the last 24 months has generated significant external interest. In line with this, an alliance of leading organisations working together to reduce the operational costs and environmental impacts of their buildings by improving their ability to source, select and validate innovation have made a formal approach for Nottingham City Council to join their exclusive membership.

Partners

The Innovation Gateway partners are RBS, Tesco, Heathrow Airport, Kingfisher, Carillion, Unite Group and the Universities of Cambridge & Edinburgh. Each organisation is represented by top/senior level directors/management.

What it does

Shares best practise and experience between partners; sources innovation that solves challenges common to the partners; shares performance data and experience from pilots.

Evidence and performance

- Co-created by partners to enable measurable savings, not just high-level intentions or strategy.
- Reduced operational costs, and environmental impacts. Partners have identified annual savings of millions of pounds pa, and substantial reductions in CO2 and Water.
- RBS estimate that one innovation will achieve 5% energy reduction to save £3 million pa.
- The scope has covered energy, waste, water and wellbeing. Examples of previous challenges addressed include HVAC, refrigeration, water reduction and predictive maintenance.
- To date the platform has sourced over 500 targeted innovations from around the world.
- Partners have gained recognition for their strong leadership position and prestigious awards, with each establishing a reputation for being at the forefront of sustainability and innovation.

Opportunity for enhanced commercial scalability

- **Stronger, more targeted, pipeline of innovation through collective strength of the partners.**
- **Global innovator and disseminator network including universities, incubators & industry bodies.**
- **Access to experience and expertise across multiple industries, beyond traditional networks.**
- **Captive senior level audience.**

Greater profile and recognition for industry leadership

- **Partners get profile and recognition for being at the forefront of sustainability and innovation. RBS was recently featured on SKY Business News and awarded Most Sustainable Bank 2017.**
- **Partners have also been recognised in BIFM Awards, FTSE4Good, Edie Awards.**
- **Partners also get the recognition for their support of Innovators and SME's.**

Other Options Considered: Not joining the Innovation Gateway was rejected as it would stifle growth and the ability to act commercially.

Background Papers: None

Published Works: None

Affected Wards: Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests: None

Any Information Exempt from publication: Yes

Dispensation from Financial Regulations: Yes

Exempt Information:

Description of what is exempt: Membership fees

An appendix (or appendices) to this decision is exempt from publication under the following paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because it could jeopardise future commercial contracts.

Documents exempt from publication: Nottingham City Council Innovation Gateway - Exempt Appendix.docx

Consultations:	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	None
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: This is a registration and does not impact on protected groups.
Social Value Considerations:	N/A
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	29/12/2017
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Procurement
Legal Advice:	This report does not raise any significant legal issues provided the City Council is able to sign up to an agreement which enables it to become a member of the Innovation Gateway and which provides access to the benefits of the Innovation Gateway. Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 12/12/2017.
Finance Advice:	This decision aligns with the 'Continued Commercial Growth' priority of the Energy Projects Team as per the 17/18 Business Plan (pg 24). Membership is supported as per the reasons detailed by the author. There is sufficient base budget within the Energy Development fund to cover the annual subscription, including the future year effect of Business Plan savings. Advice provided by Tania Clayton Perez (Commercial Business Partner) on 13/12/2017.
Procurement Advice:	Approval to dispense with Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.2 in accordance with Financial Regulation (3.29) (Operational Issues) to allow for subscription to the Innovation Gateway, a direct award of a contract is required. The decision does not raise any significant procurement issues. Advice provided by Paul Ritchie (Lead Procurement Officer) on 14/12/2017.
Signatures	Dave Liversidge (Portfolio Holder for Energy and Sustainability) SIGNED and Dated: 19/12/2017 Andrew Vaughan (Corporate Director Commercial and Operations) SIGNED and Dated: 18/12/2017

Theresa Channell (Head of Corporate and Strategic Finance) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations
SIGNED and Dated: 19/12/2017
Chief Finance Officer's Comments: