

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

eTeacher Project

Total Value:

£163,089 (Type: Capital)

Decision Being Taken:

- 1) To become a eTeacher delivery partner including receiving a Euro 187,667.50 (£163,089 on exchange rate as at 4th October 2017) from H2020 EU grant;
- 2) To delegate responsibility to the Head of Service for Energy Policy and Sustainability for approval of further project documents, allocating funds, and managing grant expenditure;
- 3) To use eTeacher grant funding towards staffing cost for Energy Behavioral Change (Graduate Officer) 18 months from commencement of the project (3 days per week), and to use grant funding towards installation of monitoring equipment within the Council House Building and towards installation of ICT solutions to aid behavioral change.

Reasons for the Decision(s)

The eTeacher project is a cross European partnership to deliver energy behavioral change to a selection of publicly owned buildings. Energy behavioral change is an area that Nottingham City Council has prioritised by creating a role via the corporate Graduate Programme, and the eTeacher project aligns with our corporate objectives to lower energy consumption via technology, and human interventions. The eTeacher project shall be using the Council House as its demonstration building, as it presents a unique challenge in terms of its iconic Nottingham status, and multi use, such as administration, footfall of visitors, and events. The eTeacher project commences via an understanding the way the building is used by its building users, then moves onto data collection, before developing technical solutions that the building user can engage with in the form of a ICT solution.

It benefits Nottingham City Council, as a project partner is De Monfort University, and Nottingham City Council shall gain from the project in terms of knowledge transfer of academic research into the latest behavioral change techniques that we can use across our estate. Another benefit of the project, is that upon completion we can commercially market the behavioral change techniques learnt from the project.

There will be no changes structural or operational to the Council House as part of the programme, with regards to ICT solution it is expected that 3rd party access maybe required to the network, and IT have been fully consulted with as part of this process.

The funding is for 3 years, and part of this funding is to support the existing post of Energy Behavioral Change Graduate Officer Post, which is an 18 month contract. The funding is being received in two payments £65,235.94 has been received, with the rest to follow in the second phase of the project after 18 months.

Other Options Considered:

Not to accept the funding, which would mean we could not support energy behavioral change throughout the operational estate by learning from the developments of the pilot at the Council House, and would not be able to deliver the project. For these reasons this option has been rejected.

Background Papers:

Published Works:

Affected Wards:

Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests:

None

Consultations:	Date: 01/11/2017
	Other: Jonathan Foster - IT Business Engagement Officer
	Consulted with IT with regards to anticipated 3rd party access to the council's IT network. There will be no issues with this.
	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	None
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: There are no effects on services as part of the eTeacher project
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	17/01/2018
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance
Legal Advice:	<p>The proposals in this report raise no significant legal issues and are supported.</p> <p>It is understood that the grant funding has already been received with grant award conditions attached to it. The money will be used as detailed within the report for delivery of the eTeacher project to deliver energy behavioral change within the city including contribution to a graduate programme position.</p> <p>The service area must ensure that any conditions imposed upon the Council for receipt of the funding must be complied with to ensure that it is not at risk of claw back.</p> <p>Advice provided by Dionne Claire Screamon (Solicitor) on 21/12/2017.</p>
Finance Advice:	<p>The acceptance of this grant aligns with Energy Strategy 2010-2020, Aim 1 - Reduce energy use in public sector infrastructure.</p> <p>The EU grant funding is expected to be received in 2 phases. The funding related to the first phase is anticipated to cover costs as detailed by the author for approximately 18 months. The first phase of funding is expected to be sufficient to cover all expenditure for this period. There is no expected contribution from NCC.</p> <p>The Energy Team will monitor grant expenditure in order to comply with the grant conditions stated. If grant conditions are not met, there is a risk of clawback. Financial systems will be adapted to aid monitoring to minimise this risk.</p> <p>Advice provided by Tania Clayton Perez (Commercial Business Partner) on 21/12/2017.</p>

Signatures

Dave Liversidge (Portfolio Holder for Energy and Sustainability)
SIGNED and Dated: 10/01/2018
Andrew Vaughan (Corporate Director Commercial and Operations)
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