

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Core Cities Annual Subscription 2018/19
Total Value:	£43,750 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	To renew Nottingham's membership of the Core Cities Group for 2018/19. This covers the direct operating costs and expenses of the network and delivery of the Core Cities Cabinet's work programme.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	Membership of Core Cities UK enables Nottingham to work closely with the nine other Core Cities in the UK on areas of mutual benefit and to engage more effectively with Government and other influential stakeholders to further the Core Cities agenda. In preparation for the UK leaving the European Union, and the resulting uncertainty of what the arrangements will be, it is vitally important that UK cities work together to further their mutual objectives in areas of common interest, and raise the profile of UK cities internationally. The Core Cities group has regular discussions with the Government on economic growth, housing, public sector reform and social care agendas, which are key areas for Nottingham City Council. As an authority, Nottingham City gains significant influence and a higher profile by being a Core City. Nottingham also gains access to experience, expertise and information from the other Core Cities. This is a renewal of a standing membership and the cost is contained within the corporate budget. The price has remained the same since 2014/15.
Other Options Considered:	Not renewing the subscription for 2018/19. This option was rejected as this would mean Nottingham losing its status as a Core City and the concomitant influence and profile that comes with being a member of the group. This is a key period of change for both national and local government with Britain due to leave the European Union in 2019, so remaining a member of the Core Cities group continues to be beneficial for Nottingham City.
Background Papers:	None.

Published Works:	None.
Affected Wards:	Citywide
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None.
Consultations:	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	None.
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: This decision does not include proposals for new or changing council policies or functions.
Decision Type:	Officer
Executive Decision?	Yes
Scheme of Delegation Reference Number or Other Source of Delegation:	1
Subject to Call In:	No The call-in procedure does not apply to the decision because the value of the decision is below the call in threshold.
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance
Legal Advice:	There are no legal issues arising from the contents of this report Advice provided by Sarah Molyneux (Head of Legal and Governance) on 20/08/2018.

Finance Advice:

The value of the decision (£43,750) is the cost of renewing the City's subscription to the Core Cities Group for 2018/19.

Payment will be made to the groups administering authority and covers the period 1/4/2018 - 31/3/2019.

The cost will be met from an on going corporate revenue provision for subscriptions as incorporated in the approved Medium Term Financial Plan. There will be no increase in spending in a future year as a result of the decision.

Value for money will accrue to the extent that the City's representation within the Core Cities Group yields added value or reduced costs arising from access to the group's collective expertise and influence.

Advice provided by Hayley Mason (Strategic Finance Business Partner) on 07/08/2018.

Signatures:

Ian Curryer (Chief Executive)

SIGNED and Dated: 28/08/2018