

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Reference Number:	3257
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Subject:	Good to Great CQ Funding 2018/19
Total Value:	£80,000 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Authorise the release of £80,000 of Good to great funding in the form of a grant to support Creative Quarter.2. Delegate authority to the Strategic Director Economy to negotiate and award a contract to Creative Quarter Nottingham Limited to provide the services described in reasons and circumstances below.3. Authorise dispensation from Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.2 in accordance with financial regulation 3.29 to make the direct contract award described above
Reasons for the Decision(s)	Creative Quarter is the city's flagship support programme to help create a vibrant creative and digital industry sector in the city, supported by Nottingham Trent University who co-fund the project. Funding will be made as a grant to Creative Quarter, and will help support business advisors, run events for start up and entrepreneurs and generally support the work of the Creative Quarter as an economic Development agency in the creative sector, managed by a service level agreement.
Other Options Considered:	<p>Not provide funding - This option was rejected as this project is delivering well and to pull funding would jeopardise project delivery.</p> <p>Funding commitment for 2 years. This option was rejected as 1 year funding allows better control of funding and ensures options to performance manage Creative Quarter Company.</p>
Background Papers:	None

Published Works:	None
Affected Wards:	Citywide
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	Councillors Collins and McDonald are on the Creative Quarter board
Dispensation from Financial Regulations:	Yes
Consultations:	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	None
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: EIA not required. An EIA is not required as the decision does not relate to new or changing policy service or function.
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	18/09/2018
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance
Legal Advice:	<p>The City Council has agreed with Nottingham Trent University ('NTU') to become 50/50 joint members of the Creative Quarter Company (the 'CQC'). The City Council and NTU are both subject to the procurement rules set out in Public Contract Regulations 2015 when awarding contracts for services. However once the City Council and NTU have joint control over the CQC they can make direct awards of contracts for services to the CQC in accordance with the 'Teckal' procurement exemption. The requirements of the Teckal exemption are that the City Council and NTU are able to exercise decisive influence over CQC, that CQC will undertake more than 80% of its activities (by turnover) for the City Council and NTU and that there is no direct private capital participation in CQC. Once those requirements are met the City Council may make a direct award of the contract to CQC without the requirement for a tender. A contract or service level agreement for the creative services should be put in place with CQC. Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 15/08/2018.</p>

Finance Advice:

A contribution from Good to Great Funding was granted for these areas in previous years and the funding ran until 2017/18. There has been some managed underspend which is available to cover the costs as outlined in this DDM of £80k which is for the 18/19 contribution only. Advice provided by Susan Tytherleigh (Senior Finance Manager) on 13/08/2018.

Signatures

Graham Chapman (PH for Finance, Resources and Commercial Services)
SIGNED and Dated: 11/09/2018
Chris Henning (Corporate Director for Development and Growth)
SIGNED and Dated: 03/09/2018
Laura Pattman (Strategic Director of Finance) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations
SIGNED and Dated: 10/09/2018
Chief Finance Officer's Comments: