

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

Implementation of Rough Sleeping Initiative 2018/19

Total Value:

£420,416 (Type: Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

Portfolio Holder decisions:

1. To accept the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) Rough Sleeping Initiative grant award of £420,416 for use during 2018/19.
2. To approve funding for contracts listed in exempt Appendix 1.
3. To grant dispensation from Contract Procedure Rules 5.1.1. and 5.1.2 in accordance with Financial Regulation 3.29 (Operational Issues) to allow for the direct award of contracts and variation to an existing contract as detailed in exempt Appendix 1.

Officer decision:

1. To approve funding to appoint a Rough Sleeping Coordinator to oversee the delivery of the Rough Sleeping Initiative in Nottingham as detailed in exempt Appendix 1. (Approval attached)

Reasons for the Decision(s) Severe pressures caused by benefit changes, the lack of availability of settled accommodation, loss of funding for preventative services and other factors have led to a marked increase in rough sleeping nationally over recent years. On the 30th March 2018, the government announced a new £30m national fund (the Rough Sleeping Initiative) to deliver tailored interventions to reduce rough sleeping in the 2018/19 year.

Nottingham City Council has received an award of a total of £420,416 for use during 2018/19 through its successful bid for funding from the MHCLG Rough Sleeping Initiative. This fund will be used to put in place a range of additional measures to be delivered in partnership with the voluntary sector in order to help to reduce rough sleeping in Nottingham. These measures include the provision of extra supported accommodation and shelter for people sleeping rough (and those who are at risk), outreach services, resettlement support, substance misuse / alcohol detoxification programmes and other assistance to help to prevent and relieve rough sleeping during the 2018/19 year.

Other Options Considered: Not to put in place measures set out through Nottingham's bid to the Rough Sleeping Initiative. The funding received through the award from MHCLG is restricted to use to put in place the agreed set of proposals. In addition, addressing rough sleeping is a priority for the Council. The measures put forward represent the Council and partners' best judgement on the use of funding to help prevent and relieve rough sleeping in the City in accordance with the conditions of the award.

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:

Appendix 1 - Proposed Variations and Award of Contracts

Appendix 2 - Excerpt from MHCLG Rough Sleeping Initiative bid 2018/19 (Nottingham City)

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).

Appendix 1 and 2 to this decision are exempt from publication under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 because they contain information on negotiations with organisations contracted to deliver services and, having regard to all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. It is not in the public interest to disclose this information because doing so may compromise the Council's position in respect of ongoing contract negotiations.

Documents exempt from publication:

EXEMPT Appendix 1 - Proposed Variations, Award of Contracts and Staff Appointments.docx, EXEMPT Appendix 2 - Excerpt from MHCLG RSI Bid 2018-19.docx

Consultations:

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act requires local authorities to do all they reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder. The implementation of this decision will contribute to a reduction in crime and disorder by helping to alleviate rough sleeping in the City.

Equality:

Please login to the system to view the EIA document: EIA - MHCLG Rough Sleepng Initiative Award 2018-19.docx

Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

Yes

Call In Expiry date:

05/11/2018

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement, Human Resources, Equality and Diversity

Legal Advice:

The City Council must ensure it complies with the terms of the grant funding from MHCLG including specific procurement requirements (if any). Direct awards may be made in respect of the contracts set out in the appendix as their values are below the appropriate financial threshold applicable to the 'light touch' regime and for those contracts in the appendix which are to be varied the variation is a modification which is in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 72 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 20/09/2018.

Finance Advice:

The cost of this decision is £420,416. This is from the commencement of the initiative (grant determination letter dated 29th June 2018) to the end of the financial year, March 2019.

The grant is to be ring fenced and can only be spent on the Rough Sleeping initiative as set out in the grant determination letter. Funding has already been allocated and received into the authority. A separate cost centre has been set up to ensure transparency and clarity of the grant and the spend to aid with budget monitoring and reporting. Please see table attached in the working documents for a breakdown of the proposal and planned spend for the year. This initiative is 100% grant funded and therefore there is no impact to the MTFP.

Advice provided by Michelle Pullen (Commercial Business Partner) on 12/09/2018.

Advice documents: Bid proposal finance.xlsx

Equality and Diversity Advice:

Initiatives that support the most vulnerable groups of citizens within the city help the authority meet its PESD to ensure equality of opportunity. What will be key is that the diversity of citizens will need to benefit and there must be an emphasis on cultural competencies across the communities for the work to be fully effective.

Advice provided by Adisa Djan (Equalities and Diversity Consultant) on 26/09/2018.

Procurement Advice:

Dispensation from Contract Procedure Rules 5.1.1 and 5.1.2 as appropriate, in accordance with Financial Regulation 3.29 (operational issues) are supported by Procurement in order for variations and direct awards for the specified durations, as referred to in exempt appendix 1, to be put into place for a range of additional measures to support rough sleepers in Nottingham. The value of these proposals fall below the EU procurement threshold.

Advice provided by Julie Herrod (Procurement Officer) on 18/09/2018.

HR Advice:

Management are proposing to create a new post of Rough Sleeping Coordiantor. This post has been through the job evaluation process and has a grading outcome of GLPC grade J.

Management will need to ensure that recruitment is conducted through the appropriate processes. Management should be aware that the selected postholder should commence on a starting salary of Level One within the respective Grade, unless the appointed colleague is already in employment at the council and on Level two of the same grade, in which case the employee would be matched over at the rate of pay they currently receive.

There will need to be a support and development plan for the new post holder once appointed in line with managing performance through the new probationary policy.

As the post is initially temporary, an appropriate exit strategy must be in place in order to terminate the contract in line with NCC guidance in the event that the post cannot be made permanent at the end of the fixed term period. Management will need to ensure appropriate timelines are in place to notify the affected employee and give appropriate notice.

Advice provided by Wendy Harvey (Service Redesign Consultant) on 21/08/2018.

Signatures

Toby Neal (Portfolio Holder for Community Protection)
SIGNED and Dated: 29/10/2018
Candida Brudenell (Corporate Director for Strategy and Resources)
SIGNED and Dated: 26/10/2018
Laura Pattman (Strategic Director of Finance) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations
SIGNED and Dated: 23/10/2018
Chief Finance Officer's Comments: