

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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City Council

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Subject:	Procurement of Local Perception Study
Total Value:	Up to £50,000 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	1) To go out to tender to procure a consultation that will engage with residents, stakeholders and business within the geographical area of Nottingham City and surrounding council areas 2) To delegate authority to the Director of Strategy and Policy (in liaison with relevant officers) to award the contract to the successful tenderer.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	Nottinghamshire County Council are exploring the possibility of moving from their current two tier system in the county to either one or two single unitary councils. As part of these proposals, Nottingham City Council and its existing boundaries are not currently considered within the County Council deliberations. In response to Nottinghamshire County Council's stated intentions, Nottingham City Council are currently identifying potential avenues for local government reorganisation. Nottingham has made it clear that if the County pursues the creation of a single tier of government within Nottinghamshire, this would cement the City's under bounded status. Therefore the City has no alternative but to respond to the County's proposals with local government reorganisation proposals of our own. To support the development of any future options, Nottingham City would like to undertake some soft consultation in November 2018. This first phase will look to provide an evidence base to inform what a future Nottingham City boundary should be.
Other Options Considered:	Not to consult nor to go out to tender for an organisation to run a consultation. This option is rejected as it would leave Nottingham at a disadvantage in the preparations of its case for local government reorganisation.

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: None as protected characteristics are not affected by this decision**

Social Value Considerations: **Not applicable - below social value considerations threshold.**

Decision Type: **Officer**

Executive Decision? **Yes**

Scheme of Delegation Reference Number or Other Source of Delegation: **8**

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, Procurement**

Legal Advice: **The proposals set out in the report raise no significant legal issues and, on the basis of the rationale outlined, are supported.**

Advice provided by Malcolm Townroe (Director of Legal and Governance) on 25/10/2018.

Finance Advice:

This decision seeks approval for the procurement of a Local Perception Study to the value of £50,000. Funding for this activity will be made available from the 2018/19 contingency of which £0.976m is currently uncommitted.

Advice provided by Theresa Channell on 25/10/18 Advice provided by Catherine Ziane-Pryor (Governance Officer) on 25/10/2018.

Procurement Advice:

The report author / relevant officer has already engaged with procurement to ensure compliance with the Council's financial regulations and contract procedure rules. A tender will be conducted in order to secure best value for the Council and the citizens it represents. On this basis there are no procurement concerns with the approach.

Advice provided by Mabs Karim (Procurement Officer) on 24/10/2018.

Signatures:

Candida Brudenell (Corporate Director Strategy & Resources)

SIGNED and Dated: 16/11/2018