

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



Reference Number:	3447
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Subject:	Funding International Strategy and Creative Quarter
Total Value:	£180,000 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Authorise the release of £40,000 funding to support the City Council International Strategy2. Authorise the release of £140,000 funding to support the Creative Quarter3. Delegate authority to the Director of Economic Development to negotiate and award a contract to Creative Quarter Nottingham Ltd to provide the services described in the decision4. Authorise dispensation from Contract Procedure rule 5.1.2 in accordance with financial regulation 3.29 to make the direct contract as described in recommendation 3
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>Funding is required to deliver the City Council International Strategy, supporting businesses to export to China, India and Germany and encouraging trade and investment.</p> <p>Funding is also required to help deliver the Creative Quarter project, which is Nottingham's flagship creative and digital support agency, in order to create a vibrant and economically successful creative and digital sector. The project is supported by Nottingham Trent University who co-fund the Creative Quarter.</p> <p>Funding 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</p>
Other Options Considered:	Not funding the initiatives. Rejected as the projects are currently funded and pulling funding would jeopardise delivery. Both projects have levered in significant funding from other parties which would be lost to the City should our funding be removed or reduced.

Background Papers:	N/A
Published Works:	N/A
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: Project does not involve new or changing policy
Social Value Considerations:	N/A
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	20/03/2019
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice: It is permissible to make a direct award to the Creative Quarter Company once the arrangements are put in place with the University. Those arrangements must ensure the company is under the joint control of the City Council and the University and meets the requirements of the 'Teckal' procurement exemption as set out in Regulation 12 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The City Council should put in place a contract with the Creative Quarter Company for the services it is funding to ensure it can hold the company to account and demonstrate it is getting value for money. Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 22/01/2019.

Finance Advice: This decision relates to contributions required in 2019/20. There was a contribution made for these areas from Good to Great Reserve in previous years and there is some funding remaining in the Good to Great Reserve that can meet this cost - placing no additional financial pressure on the Council.
Payment should not be made until the appropriate financial year. Advice provided by Susan Tytherleigh (Senior Finance Manager) on 23/01/2019.

Procurement Advice: So long as the Creative Quarter Company meets the requirements of Teckal procurement exemption then a dispensation from Contract Procedure rule 5.1.2 in accordance with financial regulation 3.29 to make the direct contract can be approved.
Advice provided by Paul Ritchie (Lead Procurement Officer) on 30/01/2019.

Signatures
Graham Chapman (PH for Finance, Resources and Commercial Services)
SIGNED and Dated: 12/03/2019
Chris Henning (Corporate Director for Development and Growth)
SIGNED and Dated: 28/02/2019
Laura Pattman (Strategic Director of Finance) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations
SIGNED and Dated: 14/02/2019
Chief Finance Officer's Comments: