

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Big House ERDF Project Extension
Total Value:	£197,060 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To bid for the Big House ERDF grant and if successful act as accountable body;2. Delegate authority to the Director of Economic Development to negotiate and sign the contract with MHCLG and agreements with its delivery partners and to allocate funding to those partners.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>Big House is the continuation ERDF funded business support programme across D2N2 which has Creative Quarter as a key delivery partner. Nottingham City Council is the accountable body for the current ERDF project which has delivered well. This project allows extension for a further three years, with a similar partnership and objectives, so providing continued support for the Creative Quarter and other important agencies in the city such as New Art Exchange and Nottingham Trent University.</p> <p>Nottingham City Council will act as accountable body, receiving 50% of the value £98,530 from ERDF and the balance via a management charge to the partners, deducted from their payments. No match funding from the city.</p>
Other Options Considered:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Not bidding. Rejected as this project is a key strategy to support Creative Quarter and other business development functions in the region.2. Increasing the size of the bid. This was rejected as not realistic or required, as it requires greater cash match.
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: Continuation project with no EIA impact.
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	26/04/2019
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance
Legal Advice:	The City Council must ensure that it can comply with the ERDF Big House funding terms. The City Council will need to put in place agreements with its partners to ensure the City Council can hold them to account, in particular in the event of any clawback by MCHLG. Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 18/03/2019.
Finance Advice:	See attached document. Advice provided by Susan Tytherleigh (Senior Finance Manager) on 05/04/2019. Advice documents: Big House ERDF Project extension.docx
Signatures	Jon Collins (Leader of the Council) SIGNED and Dated: 17/04/2019 Chris Henning (Corporate Director for Development and Growth) SIGNED and Dated: 09/04/2019