

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Invest in D2N2 2 ERDF project
Total Value:	£348,875 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To bid for the Invest in D2N2 2 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;3. To commit £60,618 of match funding from the existing 'Good to Great' and reserves budget.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	This is a continuation project of the current Invest in D2N2 project which is a partnership across Marketing NG, Marketing Derby, Destination Chesterfield and Derbyshire Economic Partnership. This has been a successful project and it is expected that the LEP and MHCLG will approve this extension. It builds on the leanings from Invest in D2N2 round one, and now includes international support and larger recovery of overheads by allocating some existing staff to the project which generates cash saving for the city council.
Other Options Considered:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Not bidding. This was rejected as the project is part of the strategy to support key inward investment functions at Marketing NG and is extended to support international support for landing foreign direct investment from the city council team. Without this funding, the city would deliver a smaller service or have higher costs to deliver the same level of support.2. Increasing the size of the bid. 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 involving landing inward investment.
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	01/05/2019
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance
Legal Advice:	The City Council must ensure that it can comply with the ERDF Invest in D2N2 2 funding terms. The City Council should put in place agreements with its delivery partners to ensure the City Council can hold its partners to account, in particular in the event of any clawback of funds 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 03/04/2019. Advice documents: Finance comments - Invest in D2N2 2 ERDF project.docx
Signatures	Jon Collins (Leader of the Council) SIGNED and Dated: 23/04/2019 Chris Henning (Corporate Director for Development and Growth) SIGNED and Dated: 09/04/2019