

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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<b>Reference Number:</b>	3514
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<b>Subject:</b>	Acceptance of Government Funding for High Street Community Clean Ups, Parks Improvements and Parks Plus Programme.
<b>Total Value:</b>	£168,123 (Type: Revenue)
<b>Decision Being Taken:</b>	<p>1. To accept the funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities &amp; Local Government (MHCLG) for: High-Street Community Clean-Up Fund (£57,710), The Local Authority Parks Improvement Fund (£57,413), The Pocket Park Plus Programme (£28,000), and the Environment Agency (EA) Victoria Embankment Flood Defense Maintenance Fund (£25,000). See Appendix 1A for project details.</p> <p>2. To agree an extension to the 2019/20 Medium Term Financial Plan for the grants and dispensation from financial regulations for the delivery of the MHCLG and EA funded projects and to act as accountable body for the funding as detailed in Appendix 1B3. To delegate authority to the Director of Neighbourhood Services to carry out tender processes and enter into contracts relating to the delivery of the MHCLG and EA projects.</p>
<b>Reasons for the Decision(s)</b>	The MHCLG funding for the High Street Community Clean Ups Fund , Local Authority Parks Improvement Fund, the Pocket Parks Plus Programme and the EA Victoria Embankment Flood Defence Maintenance Fund have all been secured in recent weeks following a longstanding National Campaign to Clean up Britain and Improve the quality of Local Parks. This funding will help Nottingham to deliver its corporate priorities to retain the Cleanest Big City title and to have more Green Flag Parks than any other Local Authority in the Country. The funding will also help us to build community capacity, deliver a programme of community clean ups, deliver two new community garden projects within the City and help fund the maintenance of the Victoria Embankment Flood Defence..
<b>Briefing notes documents:</b>	Appendix 1A - MHCLG & EA Funded Projects.docx

**Other Options Considered:** Option 1 Reject the MHCLG Funding  
This option has been considered and rejected on the basis that the funding is needed and it will help the City to engage the community in a programme of proactive neighbourhood clean ups and park improvement projects.

**Background Papers:** None

**Published Works:** DDM 3478 Deed of Covenant at Victoria Embankment, Nottingham

**Affected Wards:** Citywide

**Colleague / Councillor Interests:**

**Dispensation from Financial Regulations:** Yes

**Consultations:** Date: 21/03/2019  
Ward Councillors: Sally Longford  
Councillor Longford was fully briefed on the projects and happy to proceed with their delivery.  
Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

**Crime and Disorder Implications:** All the projects aim to clean up, improve the open spaces and increase the public use of them, thereby the projects will help to reduce the likelihood of crime and anti-social behaviour within the neighbourhood areas.

**Equality:** EIA not required. Reasons:  
There is no proposal for new or changing policies / services / functions or financial decisions that would have a major impact on services or service users.

**Social Value Considerations:** N/A

<b>Decision Type:</b>	Portfolio Holder
<b>Subject to Call In:</b>	Yes
<b>Call In Expiry date:</b>	14/05/2019
<b>Advice Sought:</b>	Legal, Finance, Procurement, Property
<b>Legal Advice:</b>	The City Council must ensure it can comply with the terms of the grant funding provided by the bodies set out in recommendation 1. In particular although the works identified in the appendix are all low value and below the relevant threshold for a competitive tender the funding terms should be checked to ensure tenders are not required. Otherwise this report does not raise any significant legal issue provided any contracts are awarded in accordance with the City Council's financial regulations. Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 10/04/2019.
<b>Finance Advice:</b>	<p>All grant funding relates to project which will be undertaken in the 2019/20 financial year, Finance will assist with the accounting and monitoring of expenditure to ensure that there is no pressure placed on the existing budget provision. Finance will work with the Head of Public Realm to ensure that expenditure in relation to this grant funding is spent in accordance with the grant conditions to reduce the risk of clawback.</p> <p>Dispensation from Financial Regulations will enable NCC to act as the accountable body in Pocket Parks Plus project. The dispensation will allow the Council to award grants to communities for the delivery of the Pocket Parks Plus projects set out in Appendix 1A-3. The department should establish a robust monitoring process to ensure expenditure by the communities adheres to the conditions of the grant to reduce the risk of grant clawback.</p> <p>Advice provided by Matthew Connell (Commercial Business Partner) on 12/04/2019.</p>
<b>Property Advice:</b>	There are no significant property issues arising from the recommended decision, as the expenditure will be carried out by the council, on existing owned and managed land. Advice provided by John West (Estates Surveyor) on 01/04/2019.
<b>Procurement Advice:</b>	Provided that any spend arising out of this project is spent in accordance with Public Contract Regulations and Contract Procedure Rules there are no significant issues with the recommendations set out in the report. We advise that you engage with procurement in advance of engaging suppliers to ensure compliance with the above. Advice provided by Lauren Wheatcroft (Procurement Officer) on 01/04/2019.
<b>Signatures</b>	David Trimble (Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Localities)
	SIGNED and Dated: 07/05/2019
	Andy Vaughan (Corporate Director Commercial and Operations)
	SIGNED and Dated: 07/05/2019

<b>Laura Pattman (Strategic Director of Finance) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 29/04/2019</b>
<b>Chief Finance Officer's Comments:</b>