

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

Annual Cultural Grant to Nusic

Total Value:

£20,000 per annum for three years (Type: Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

Approval to:

1. Provide for three years an annual grant of £20,000 to Nusic, subject to annual budget approval, in support of the company's work for advocating promoting Nottingham as a music city;
2. That Nottingham City Council's contribution is subject to Nusic successfully securing other match contributions from commercial partners and other alternative funding sources;
3. To delegate the authority to the Director of Sport and Culture to put in place annually agreed service agreement for their work.

Reasons for the Decision(s) Nusic has been a feature of the Nottingham Cultural and Educational landscapes of the City for over 10 years. During this time, Nusic has contributed significantly to the growth of the music industry in Nottingham. Nusic has become a driving force behind Nottingham's music scene being celebrated nationally, plus the organisation provides a wide range of support to the wider creative industries, including the Nottingham Young Creative Awards, the Nottingham Music Service and Nottingham Secondary Schools.

The funding will support Nusic to:

1. Create content that showcases the talents of Nottingham's musicians;
2. Increase awareness of the Nottingham music scene at local, regionally and nationally;
3. Develop and promote opportunities for Nottingham musicians to work in the creative industry sector;
4. Provide guidance and support for talented musicians to look at routes by which they can gain contracts and skills to operate as professional musician;
5. Build a profile of the areas diverse local music scenes, across all music genres;
6. Promote Nottingham as a great City location to host/showcase music industry events;
7. Seek opportunities to attract festivals and events to the City from the BBC and other leading providers;
8. Organise and manage an annual School Tour to highlight careers and opportunities in the music industry sector;

Nusic is a community interest company operated not for profit. Along with support from Nottingham City Council, Nusic is also supported by Confetti Media Group, DHP and Nottingham and Nottinghamshire's Music Hubs.

Other Options Considered: That funding is ceased. This was rejected as this would result in the loss of this organisation in the City and loss of the work they undertake.

Background Papers: None

Published Works: None

Affected Wards: Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests: None

Consultations:

Date: 04/04/2019

Other City Council Bodies: Nigel Cooke - One Nottingham

The request for funding is supported by One Nottingham.

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

None

Equality:

EIA not required. Reasons: The grant is being placed with an organization that has equality of access to music at its heart. It works with all genres and styles of music.

Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

Yes

Call In Expiry date:

16/05/2019

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Other: Nigel Cooke (nigel.cooke@onenottingham.org.uk)

Legal Advice:

The City Council needs to put in place a grant funding agreement with Nusic to ensure the City Council can hold Nusic accountable for the funding paid to it. In addition the City Council should ask Nusic to sign a 'de minimis' declaration to ensure the funding is not unlawful state aid. Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 12/04/2019.

Finance Advice:

The cost of this grant will be resourced from earmarked reserves held by the Council. The reserves will be drawn down for financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 to match the payments to be made.

The budget manager for this activity will need to put in place appropriate performance monitoring to ensure the payments meet the requirements of this decision.

Advice provided by Maria Balchin (Finance Analyst) on 16/04/2019.

Other Advice:

Nusic has been a key partner in the development of the music and cultural activity in the city. They continue to advocate on behalf of Nottingham and they promote the musical and creative industry for employment and broader related skills for developing confidence in life. The activity includes an annual schools tour, which has involved over 15,000 students.

Nusic will be key to developing the city's ambitions as a creative centre.

Advice provided by Nigel Cooke (Director Of One Nottingham) on 05/04/2019.

Signatures

David Trimble (Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Localities)

SIGNED and Dated: 09/05/2019

Andy Vaughan (Corporate Director Commercial and Operations)

SIGNED and Dated: 08/05/2019