

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

Authorisation of the expenditure in relation to the successful bid of £490,017 for Supporting Families against Youth Crime.

Total Value:

£490017 (Type: Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

1. Authorise the acceptance of a grant from Ministry of Housing and Communities and Local Government of £490,017.00
2. Authorise the allocation of £239,933 of the grant for the creation of the following 5 new posts (based on 15 mths): 3 FTE's Family Support Workers G2, 1 FTE Principal Data Analyst H2, 0.5 MST Mental Health Specialist K2 (Seconded) (Executive Decision)
3. Authorise recruitment to the posts established above (Non-Executive Officer decision)
4. Authorise the allocation of £75,500 for training costs.
5. Authorise the sum of £55,000 of the grant to carry out an evaluation of this project through an appropriate procurement process.
6. Delegate authority to the Director of Children's Integrated Services to award the contracts.
7. Delegate authority to the Head of Service of Children's Strategy and Improvement to sign the final contracts.
8. Allocation of the £119,584 remaining grant monies as detailed in the bid document to include work with the voluntary sector with programmes and initiatives tackling knife crime and new projects involving diversionary activities and comprehensive training programme for schools and the voluntary sector.

Reasons for the Decision(s) .A succesful bid was made in December 2018 to the Ministry Of Housing and Communities and Local Government to assist in supporting families against Youth Crime.
A copy of this bid is attached.
Training will be delivered by internal resourse and outside providers, subject to a full tender process.
The approved contracts would commence on 1st August 2019 for a period of 15 months. The evaluation will provide feedback and analysis of young people who are at risk of developing links to weapon enabled violence and the effectiveness of these interventions.

Other Options Considered: Without the funds from the bid, it would be difficult for the Authority to meet its commitments in supporting families against Youth Crime.
The other option would be to do nothing, this option was rejected for the reasons above.

Background Papers: None

Published Works: None

Affected Wards: Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests: None known.

Any Information Exempt from publication: Yes

Exempt Information:

Description of what is exempt: Bid document to Ministry of Housing and Communities and Local Government

An appendix (or appendices) to this decision is exempt from publication under the following paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because disclosure of the information may prejudice contract negotiations.

Documents exempt from publication:

Supporting Families Against Youth Crime - Nottingham City - 07.12.18.pdf

Consultations:

Date: 03/12/2018

Other City Council Bodies:Councillor David Mellen as Portfolio Holder for Early Intervention and Early Years

Fully supportive of the bid.

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

The aim of the bid is to assist families and communities in dealing with youth violence. By raising capacity in schools and VCS, we aim to increase and accelerate the existing service transformation under the wider Priority Families programme. This investment will ensure families benefit from an upskilled workforce within schools and VCS. This will further develop and support whole family working in the longer term.

Equality:

EIA not required. Reasons: An EIA is not necessary for this decision as EIAs will be undertaken for individual programmes/activities etc.

Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

Yes

Call In Expiry date:

22/07/2019

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement, Human Resources

Legal Advice:

This report does not raise any significant legal issues provided all contracts using the grant funds are awarded in accordance with the terms of the grant conditions from MCHLG and the City Council's financial regulations. Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 07/06/2019.

Finance Advice:

This decision seeks approval to accept and spend £0.490m grant funding awarded to the Authority from the Troubled Families Unit at Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). This grant is for a 15 month period to support the Authority in their role to strengthen the capacity of education providers in relation to youth knife crime; offer additional support to schools; expand parenting programmes; improve predictive analytics in relation to this cohort and deliver community diversionary activities through VCS.

To support the above, temporary recruitment (15 months) of x3fte Grade G Family Support Workers, 1fte Grade H Principal Data Analyst and 0.50fte Grade K of MST Consultancy is required. The total staffing costs (based on 2019/20 Pay scale point 2) is £0.240m.

The residual grant will fund other costs such as bespoke training, working collaboratively with voluntary organisations, the evaluation of this project through an appropriate procurement process and other consumables such as IT costs and travel.

The costs identified by the service are within the above funding.

Advice provided by Christine Green (Senior Commercial Business Partner) on 27/06/2019.

Procurement Advice:

The procurement for a provider to carry out an evaluation around the analysis of young people who are at risk of developing links to weapons and the effectiveness of interventions will be undertaken by the Council's Procurement Team. This will be through an open process at the value of £45,000, for a 15 month contract commencing on 1st August 2019, and will be compliant with Procurement Regulations and the Council's Contract Procedure Rules. Any further spend associated with external organisations should be in compliance with the Council's Financial Regulations and Contract Procedure Rules. Therefore this decision is supported from a procurement perspective.

Advice provided by Julie Herrod (Procurement Officer) on 07/06/2019.

HR Advice:

Guidance will be provided on recruitment activity and followed in line with approved procedure. Advice provided by Aadil Bhatti (HR Consultant) on 31/05/2019.

Signatures

David Mellen (Leader/ PH Regeneration, Safety and Communications)

SIGNED and Dated: 09/07/2019

Alison Michalska (Corporate Director for Children and Adults)

SIGNED and Dated: 03/07/2019