

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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| Reference Number: | 3586 |
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| Contact: | James Ashton (Job Title: Transport Strategy Manager, Email: james.ashton@nottinghamcity.gov.uk, Phone: 0115 8763093) |
| Subject: | Opening Local Authority Transport Data |
| Total Value: | £50,000 (Type: Capital) |
| Decision Being Taken: | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) To accept a grant of £50,000 from the Department for Transport, payable under section 5(1) of the Science and Technology Act 1965.2) To approve the spend associated with this grant, to be incurred during 2019/20.2) To approve the allocation of the grant towards the Council's project to make its transport data available in real time.3) To approve the utilisation of in-house resources, along with the grant funding, to deliver the project. |
| Reasons for the Decision(s) | <p>The Council currently collects transport data from a number of sources. This data is stored on the Open Nottingham Website. The data is made available to the public, however, the format of each data set varies, making the data difficult to access. This stored data is currently not used for decision-making or communication purposes. The Council's Smart Cities Strategy has three main areas of focus: Health, Energy and Transport. The Transport focus of the Strategy identifies the need for 'real time' data collection. This data is to be used to feed a higher level of intelligence on the traffic and public transport network operation. This information would be invaluable for better decision-making, which will lead to efficient management of transport in Nottingham, reducing delays and congestion and improving air quality. In light of this, the Council are about to commence a trial of real-time data collection and decision-making in the south-western area of the city. Data collected by the trial will also be shared on the website.</p> <p>This project will take the Council's existing data and publish it in a more accessible form, in real-time, to enable travelers to make better decisions. The bid document, together with the grant letter, are attached to this decision. The money received from the grant funding will be used internally within the Council.</p> |
| Briefing notes documents: | 190313 Data Comp Award Letter Nottingham CC dc FINAL.DOCX, Data Bid Final 8.2.19 CC.doc, DDM_RealTime.docx |

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| Other Options Considered: | This project is in line with the City Council's Smart City Strategy. The project also adds to the real-time data trial that has been given approval in a previous decision. For this reason, the option to decline the funding has been rejected and it is recommended that the Council accepts the grant and proceeds with the project. |
| Background Papers: | None |
| Published Works: | Nottingham Future City Strategy |
| 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: EIA not required because the decision does not set out proposals for changes to a policy, service or function. |
| Decision Type: | Portfolio Holder |
| Subject to Call In: | Yes |
| Call In Expiry date: | 29/07/2019 |
| Advice Sought: | Legal, Finance |

Legal Advice:

The proposals in this report raise no significant legal issues and are supported. The receipt of the grant funding will support the Council in delivery of the 'Real-time data' trial approved under an earlier decision, utilising internal resource for the creation of an application and data hub. The funding is subject to grant terms and conditions and so application of the funding must be in line with these terms including amongst other matters application of the monies, monitoring and financial reporting requirements and publicity so as to ensure compliance and avoid the risk of any potential claw-back.

As the money will be used internally it is understood there will be no external procurement requirements but the Council must ensure best value should any purchases of goods and services be made with respect to the project.

Advice provided by Dionne Claire Screamon (Solicitor) on 30/04/2019.

Finance Advice:

The award of the grant will not create any future budget pressures for the authority as it relates to one-off activity. The grant, however, will enable real-time data to be used in setting its future strategies. Any procurement required will undertaken the appropriate processes. The grant is expected to be fully utilised in 2019/20, however, if this does span multiple years the appropriate amount of grant will be carried forward.

Advice provided by Ceri Walters as Finance Co-ordinator (Head of Commercial Finance) on 07/05/2019.

Signatures

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| Adele Williams (Portfolio Holder for Adult Care & Local Transport) |
| SIGNED and Dated: 22/07/2019 |
| Chris Henning (Corporate Director for Development and Growth) |
| SIGNED and Dated: 18/07/2019 |