

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Alcohol Treatment Capital Fund
Total Value:	£539,035 (Type: Capital)
Decision Being Taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) To note the submission of a bid to the Alcohol Treatment Capital Fund, and to approve the receipt of capital funding totalling £539,035 from Public Health England (PHE) following a successful bid.2) To approve the distribution of the funding to Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust (£219,035) and Framework Housing Association (£320,000) to undertake capital projects for reducing alcohol harm, in line with the grant agreement and local strategic plan.3) To delegate authority to the Director of Public Health to enter into and sign a grant agreement with the grant recipients.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>Alcohol represents a significant burden in Nottingham, with Nottingham City's population disproportionately affected by alcohol related harm. In November 2018 PHE led a programme of supporting alcohol and drug treatment and recovery through capital funding. PHE required bids to be submitted by local authorities. Nottingham City Council co-ordinated a bid to the fund which was successful in securing £539,035 to support new projects to help people who are harmed by alcohol.</p> <p>The funding granted is for capital building projects and is broken down by;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) £220,000 for Nottingham University Hospitals - To create a dedicated 'prevention hub' within Nottingham University Hospitals Trust for the Alcohol Care Team, to support more effective integrated working and allow co-location of teams. To fund a mobile fibroscanning unit to strengthen rapid identification of patients with existing liver damage.2) £320,000 for Framework Housing Association - to fund the development of 8 units of dedicated 'Housing First' accommodation for homeless people with a primary alcohol problem, providing medium term accommodation for people with chaotic housing histories who have struggled to maintain engagement with alcohol treatment services.

Other Options Considered:

1) Not accept the awarded funding. This option has been rejected due to the significant burdern alcohol represents to individuals, the population and the health and social care system in Nottingham. The funding will support the agreed system wide plan for reducing alcohol related harm in Nottingham.

2) Distribute the awarded funding in an alternative way. This option has been rejected as the Council is bound to spend the capital funding as outlined in the succesful bid.

Background Papers:

Published Works:

Affected Wards:

Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests:

Consultations:

Date: 16/01/2019

Other: Nottinghamshire Alcohol Pathways Group

The proposals in the submitted bid link directly with the local system wide plan for alcohol harm reduction. The plan has been developed and agreed by a range of partners across Nottingham and is 'owned' by the Nottinghamshire Alcohol Pathways Group.

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

The funded projects will work with a population of people who display high risk behaviours. This population is defined by repeat episodes of homelessness (including rough sleeping), episodic engagement with or failure to engage in treatment and crime and anti-social behaviour. The funded projects will promote visible recovery and challenge visible addiction associated with crime and anti-social behaviour.

Equality:

EIA not required. Reasons: If approved, the receipt of the capital funding will enable the identification of more people with a need for alcohol treament and promote meaningful engagement treatment. This will be particularly beneficial for individuals with complex needs (including mental health and homelessness) who are known to be at particular risk of alcohol related harm. Nottingham City Council's role is as an intermediary for the grant funding. The equality impacts of the projects funded will be considered by the individual providers.

**Regard for NHS
Constitution:**

Nottingham's population is disproportionately affected by alcohol related harm, with high rates of hospital admissions for alcohol related conditions and high rates of alcohol related morbidity and mortality. This decision will support the delivery of a system-wide plan to reduce alcohol related harm in Nottingham. This will have benefits for individuals' health and wellbeing as well as the wider health and social care system. Key performance indicators include reduced weekly alcohol intake, reduction in Emergency Department attendance and reduction in admissions for alcohol related conditions.

Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

Yes

Call In Expiry date:

08/08/2019

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice:

The proposals in this report raise no significant legal issues and are supported.

The application of a bid to PHE for the receipt of the capital funding was submitted by the Council with Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust (NUH) and Framework Housing Association (FHA) for delivery of an Alcohol Treatment Project within the City.

The Council will act as the accountable body for the receipt and allocation of funding and all monies will be directly transferred to NUH and FHA for delivery of the project.

As no services are being delivered to or on behalf of the Council, this does not constitute a public services contract to which the procurement regulations would apply.

As the accountable body however, the Council is responsible to PHE for ensuring the grant funding is used in accordance with the bid application and grant terms between the Council and PHE. NUH and FHA will therefore be expected to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Council which will govern the release of the monies to them, obligations upon their use of the grant received for delivery of the project and the consequences of misuse of funds in the event the Council is required to repay the money back to PHE.

Legal services will assist with the required contractual documentation to ensure the grant funding enables delivery of the project in line with the funding awarded and funding obligations imposed by PHE. Advice provided by Dionne Claire Sreaton (Solicitor) on 08/07/2019.

Finance Advice:

This decision seeks approval for the acceptance and application of £539,035 capital funding received in association with the successful Public Health England (PHE) bid, as outlined by the report author.

The funding received will be used to support 2 new capital building projects to help people who are harmed by alcohol and these are broken down below:

1) £220,000 for Nottingham University Hospitals (NUH) - To create a dedicated 'prevention hub' within Nottingham University Hospitals Trust for the Alcohol Care Team and;

2) £320,000 for Framework Housing Association (FHA) - to fund the development of 8 units of dedicated 'Housing First' accommodation for homeless people with a primary alcohol problem.

Nottingham City Council will act as the accountable body for this funding and will therefore need to ensure that all funding is used in accordance with the conditions outlined during the bid process. Grant agreements will also be established directly with FHA and NUH to ensure that grant conditions outlined by PHE are met.

Advice provided by Hayley Mason (Strategic Finance Business Partner) on 26/07/2019.

Procurement Advice:

The proposals in this report relate to the receipt of capital funding from Public Health England and the transfer of this funding to Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust (NUH) and Framework Housing Association (FHA) for delivery of an Alcohol Treatment Project within the City.

The Council will act as accountable body for the funding and the allocations to NUH and FHA are not considered to constitute contractual arrangements as no services are to be delivered to or on behalf of the Council. Therefore there are no procurement implications and the proposals are supported from a procurement perspective.

Grant Agreements will be established with NUH and FHA to set out their obligations in delivering the project in accordance with the conditions of funding from PHE. Advice provided by Jo Pettifor (Procurement Team Manager) on 09/07/2019.

Signatures

Eunice Campbell-Clark (Portfolio Holder Health, HR and Equalities)
SIGNED and Dated: 31/07/2019
Alison Challenger (Director of Public Health)
SIGNED and Dated: 29/07/2019