

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	REMOURBAN Budget Increase
Total Value:	Exempt (Type: Capital)
Decision Being Taken:	To approve an additional budget to complete the works at the Courts which forms part of the wider REMOURBAN project.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>The EU funded REMOURBAN project has seen significant investment into housing, mobility and ICT in Nottingham. The last part of the project is the deep whole house retrofit of 94 maisonettes across Byron, Morley, Keswick and Haywood Court. The project is trialling several really innovative elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Private wire with solar PV, battery storage and controls optimisation· Low temperature district heating using the main Nottingham district heating network · Remodelling works to increase space in the homes, and make the fabric easier to insulate <p>Due to unforeseen events, in part due to the types of innovation being implemented and that these have not been delivered anywhere else before, and in part due to the condition of the existing buildings and services, the project costs have increased and additional budget is required to successfully complete the project, and to draw down the maximum grant.</p> <p>The Courts retrofit has seen the homes of 94 tenants and leaseholders improved, with homes being warmer and more comfortable, as well as more aesthetically pleasing. The infrastructure being installed will also allow NCC to test new business models which could make it easier to offer these deep retrofit solutions to more tenants across the city.</p> <p>Additional detail on the reasons for the additional cost are included in the exempt appendix.</p>

Other Options Considered: Redesigning balcony remodelling. However this was unpopular as two of the blocks are nearly completed, and tenants are really pleased with the additional internal space, and having two blocks which were unimproved compared to two which were improved would look poor. Additional balcony redesign costs would also be incurred and the properties would not perform as well which may lead to increased costs in other areas, such as replacement of radiators which were then undersized.

Waiting until the outcome of the discussions about additional grant was also considered, but the impact of this would be additional costs for delays and missing the completion date which we have committed to with the EU.

Background Papers: None.

Published Works: None.

Affected Wards: St Ann's

Colleague / Councillor Interests: None.

Any Information Exempt from publication: Yes

Exempt Information:

Description of what is exempt: Report on reasons for additional budget being required.

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 the costs are subject to commercial confidentiality.

Documents exempt from publication:

The Courts Silver Standard Additional Spend V3 July 2019.docx, REMOURBAN Cost Funding Table July 2019.xlsx, Exempt Appendix - Remourban - amendments to Scheme Jul 2019 - finance comments.docx

Consultations:

Date: 22/11/2018

Chief Finance Officer: Julie Dorrington

Agreed that the additional spend would come from the energy budget in the HRA.

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

n/a

Equality:

EIA not required. Reasons: The original EIA is still valid. The additional budget does not make any difference to the EIA.

Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

Yes

Call In Expiry date:

09/08/2019

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance

Legal Advice:

This report does not raise any significant legal issues. The City Council has undertaken a competitive procurement to award the contract for the REMOURBAN project works. It is understood that the additional costs at leaseholder owned properties (those tenants who have exercised the Right to Buy) should be recoverable in accordance with the options set out in the City Council's 'Approach to Leaseholder's Recharge Policy'. Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 07/01/2019. Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 10/07/2019.

Finance Advice:

This advice is exempt from publication and is contained within an exempt appendix. Advice provided by Julie Dorrington (Senior Accountant (Housing Revenue Account)) on 09/07/2019.

Signatures

Sally Longford (PH for Energy, Environment and Democratic Services)

SIGNED and Dated: 01/08/2019

Chris Henning (Corporate Director for Development and Growth)

SIGNED and Dated: 01/08/2019