

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Reference Number:	3625
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Subject:	Future High Street revenue grant
Total Value:	£150,000 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) To accept a Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government grant worth £150,000 to help develop a business case for developing West End Point.2) To spend the grant on internal staff time and some external costs such as design fees.3) To delegate authority to the Director of Economic Development to agree such contracts as required to deliver the project.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	Nottingham City Council successfully applied to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) for funding to support the City Centre. MHCLG will grant £150,000 to help develop the business case to then request up to £15million of capital to deliver the specific project.
Other Options Considered:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Not accept the grant: the grant has been awarded to to help us fund development of the business case, which will unlock up to £15million of capital fudging to deliver the project. For this reason, this option was rejected.2) Other locations for the project: two bids were submitted, for Clifton and the City Centre. Only the City Centre bid has been accepted to the next stage.
Background Papers:	None
Published Works:	None

Affected Wards:	Citywide
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None
Consultations:	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	Wide consultation has taken place in relation to the development of the City Centre strategy. This included input from the Police and Crime Commissioner, and the Police and Community Policing teams.
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: The proposals do not set out changes to a policy, service or function.
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	03/09/2019
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance
Legal Advice:	There are no significant legal issues arising from this report. Any use of the funding must be in accordance with both the funding terms, and where entering into any contracts (including potentially the design fees referred to) the Council's constitutional requirements under the Contract Procedure Rules. Advice provided by Naomi Vass (Senior Solicitor) on 09/08/2019.

Finance Advice:

This decision seeks to accept £150,000 of Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) grant funding in the 2019/20 financial year to support the preparation of the new City Centre strategy business case. The grant funding has been awarded on the basis that the Council will submit the business case to MHCLG by 16 January 2020. It is the overall responsibility of the Head of Business Growth to ensure that the business case is submitted by the required deadline.

The Council has discretion over how to spend the funding in order to produce a successful business case for submission. The grant is planned to be spent on internal staff time by various departments which will require internal records of time spent on the business case to be maintained to enable accurate re-charging, design fees and other external costs as seems fit. Grant funding stipulates that Council procurement procedures will need to be followed in purchasing decisions.

The successful submission of the business case has the potential to attract up to £15million of capital funding to pursue the specific project. Further approval will be sought at a later date should the business case be accepted by MHCLG.

Advice provided by Roma Desai (Commercial Business Partner) on 09/08/2019.

Signatures

Sam Webster (PH Finance, Growth and City Centre)
SIGNED and Dated: 27/08/2019
Chris Henning (Corporate Director for Development and Growth)
SIGNED and Dated: 27/08/2019