

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Approval to spend - Early Intervention Youth Fund
Total Value:	£273,000 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<p>This seeks approval to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) spend against funding (£273k) allocated by Nottinghamshire's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) from the Early Intervention Youth Fund to support work in the City to prevent serious youth violence and exploitation. The funding will be utilised for a total of eight projects - including work with the voluntary and community sector, delivery of an enhanced outreach youth offer and training/development of colleagues and partners.</li><li>2) approve dispensation from Contract Procedure Rules 5.1.1 in accordance with Financial Regulations (3.29) to direct award £30k to Equation to add six further groups to the 'Know More' contract.</li></ol>
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>This funding has been allocated by the Home Office to the Office of the PCC (OPCC) in Nottinghamshire. A formal bid was submitted by the OPCC and funding was agreed for projects outlined within that submission. This funding must be spent by March 2020. Any transfer of funding to voluntary and community sector organisations will be subject to subsequent commissioning and procurement exercises (variation to existing contracts and small grants processes).</p> <p>Approval has been sought to dispense with financial regulations to enable us to expand an existing programme within the City and to enable delivery of meaningful support and intervention to children and young people by March 2020.</p>

<b>Other Options Considered:</b>	<p>To reject funding available - this is not a viable option as this provides additional funding to support a key City strategic priority and should be fully utilised to support the wider programme of work already in place.</p> <p>To go out for quotations in relation to the £30k funding to Equation - this has been been rejected as it would not enable expansion of the existing programme to ensure consistency of approach and would delay implementation and risk funding, which has to be spent by March 2020.</p>
<b>Background Papers:</b>	None
<b>Published Works:</b>	None
<b>Affected Wards:</b>	Citywide
<b>Colleague / Councillor Interests:</b>	None
<b>Consultations:</b>	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
<b>Crime and Disorder Implications:</b>	This funding directly supports work to address serious youth violence, weapon-enabled violence and criminal exploitation in the City. It will do this by supporting investment into diversionary activities, upskilling of professionals working with young people who are vulnerable to involvement with crime and ASB and effectively capturing community voice to help shape future service design.
<b>Equality:</b>	EIA not required. Reasons: This decision does not relate to any changes to existing services, policies or Council functions.
<b>Social Value Considerations:</b>	Individual projects within this proposal will not be above the EU threshold.
<b>Decision Type:</b>	Portfolio Holder
<b>Subject to Call In:</b>	Yes
<b>Call In Expiry date:</b>	10/09/2019
<b>Advice Sought:</b>	Legal, Finance, Procurement

**Legal Advice:**

The proposed procurement will be subject to the light touch regime and will need to be open and transparent. Dispensation under Financial Regulation 3.29 from CPR 5.1.1 will be required. There are grant conditions attached to the funding (i.e. to provide stipulated activities and achieved set outputs as well as the need to provide quarterly monitoring reports). If there is a breach of grant conditions, PCC may reduce, suspend, withhold or requirement repayment of part or all of the grant funding. This should be mirrored in the contract with external providers to protect the council in the event of clawback of grant funding. Advice provided by Sarah O'Bradaigh (senior solicitor) on 20/08/2019.

**Finance Advice:**

This decision seeks approval to accept and spend £0.273m grant funding awarded to the Authority from Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner, originating from the Home Office.

The grant commences 31/7/19 to 31/03/20, and aims to support the Authority in preventing serious youth violence and exploitation by delivering eight distinctive initiatives across the City.

The grant is ring-fenced. Payment to NCC is conditional on the submission of actual expenditure associated with the project. Confirmation to provide the information in line with the dates determined by the Home Office is required as part of the agreement. Unachievement of the above, could potentially impact on the amount of grant funding received.

The City Initiatives are included in the confirmation letter dated 31 July 2019. This includes detailed activities and associated costs. The funding is contingent on working with Equation in relation to the 'Know More' contract as part of the Girls as Victims or Offenders initiative.

The decision therefore seeks approval for dispensation from Contract Procedure Rules 5.1.1 in accordance with Financial Regulations (3.29) to direct award £0.030m to Equation. This is appropriate in these circumstances.

The costs identified by the service and included in the initiatives plan are within the above funding. Advice provided by Christine Green (Senior Commercial Business Partner) on 20/08/2019.

**Procurement Advice:**

The decisions to spend against funding allocated by Nottinghamshire's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) from the Early Intervention Youth Fund and to approve dispensation from Contract Procedure Rules 5.1.1 in accordance with Financial Regulations (3.29) to direct award £30k to Equation to add six further groups to the 'Know More' contract has been discussed with the Procurement Team and is supported. Advice provided by Nicola Harrison (Procurement Lead Officer) on 12/08/2019.

**Signatures**

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

SIGNED and Dated: 03/09/2019

Alison Michalska (Corporate Director for Children and Adults)

SIGNED and Dated: 22/08/2019