

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Unipol Student Housing - Payment for Services Provided During 2018/19
Total Value:	£39,100.00 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	To approve payment to Unipol Student Homes for the delivery of the voluntary student landlord accreditation scheme during August 2018 to July 2019 at a cost of £39,100.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	Unipol have been administering a voluntary student landlord accreditation scheme on behalf of the Council since 2007. During this time the accreditation scheme has helped improve the standards of a large number of student properties across the City to help students make informed choices before moving into accommodation within the private rented sector. This has been achieved through the inspection of properties to ensure adherence to accreditation standards and the provision of advisory services for both students and accredited landlords. Authorisation is required for payment to be made for the balance owing in respect of 2018/19.
Other Options Considered:	To not fund was rejected as Unipol have delivered this service for 2018/19 as indicated in their performance reporting to the Council. The Unipol accreditation scheme has been supporting Nottingham's housing licensing schemes.
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:	There are no crime and disorder implications related to this decision.
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: The decision is not related to the adoption of a new policy and will not impact staffing levels as funding remains the same.
Decision Type:	Officer
Executive Decision?	Yes
Scheme of Delegation Reference Number or Other Source of Delegation:	127
Subject to Call In:	No The call-in procedure does not apply to the decision because the value of the decision is below the call in threshold.
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance

Legal Advice:

It is understood that the funding is in respect of supporting the work undertaken by Unipol within the City in providing assurances to students wishing to rent from the private landlord sector. The accreditation work undertaken by Unipol forms part of the Nottingham Standard for private landlord rented accommodation.

The payment is for work already undertaken, and is the same amount as previous years for such work which is understood to have been detailed in a funding agreement.

The decision is within the remit of delegation 127 to the Director of Community Protection which includes the power to do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of those functions including those things cited by way of example in delegation 1; subject to appropriate sub-delegation by the Director to the decision maker, the decision appears to be within the power of the Decision maker to take.

Advice provided by Tamazin Wilson (Solicitor) on 14/08/2019.

Finance Advice:

This decision seeks approval to incur expenditure totalling £39k. This cost can be resourced from revenue budget held in the Safer Housing service area (cc 4680), and has been allowed for in the finance forecast out-turn.

Advice provided by Maria Balchin (Finance Analyst) on 09/07/2019.

Signatures:

David Walker (Head of Safer Housing and ASB)

SIGNED and Dated: 09/09/2019