

Time started	10.00am
Time ended	10.11am

Urgent Leader of the Council Cabinet Member Meeting 26 August 2022

Present: Councillor Poulter (Chair)

In Attendance Sabina Talib – Principal Employment and Skills Manager

06/22 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Repton.

07/22 Identification of Urgent Items to which Call-in will not apply

It was confirmed that consent had been granted from the Chair of the Executive Scrutiny Board for the matter under consideration as an urgent key decision (detailed at minute number 10/22) to be exempted from call-in.

The reason for urgency was that the deadline for submission of the bid to the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) and Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) was 31 August 2022. The funding was only announced on 17 July 2022 and it had not been possible for a report to be prepared for the Council Cabinet meeting held on 3 August 2022 and the next scheduled meeting was 14 September which was after the deadline for submission of bids.

08/22 Declarations of interest

There were none.

09/22 Minutes of the meetings held on 30 May 2022

The minutes of the meetings held on 30 May 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

Urgent Decision – Key Decision

10/22 Approval to Submit a Bid and Accept Funding for Individual Placement Support (IPS) Primary Care (PC) – Supporting Those with Health Conditions and Disability into (and Sustain) Employment

The Leader of the Council considered an urgent report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place which sought approval to submit a joint bid for Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) Funding.

The joint bid for up to £6m in total, was in collaboration with Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council, and in partnership with the NHS. This would enable the city to procure an employment provider to deliver Individual Placement Support (IPS)

within Primary Care (PC); supporting people with disabilities and health conditions to move into employment or sustain employment.

The report sought delegated authority to agree and submit the final bid, and if successful, accept the revenue funding award, agree terms and sign the funding agreement, up to a maximum value of £1.5m for Derby City's share of the total (percentage of funding for Derby City TBC, subject to finalising discussions with Local Authority partners).

Options Considered

1. We could utilise UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) funding, however,
 - This was not available until April 2024.
 - As part of the SPF investment Plan, there was only £1.7M SPF allocated to People and Skills, in 2024-2025.

Therefore, we were seeking to pursue all opportunities to secure alternative funding streams, considering the massive reduction in People and Skills funding that would be available via SPF, and the likely pressure on the pot of funding, when it needed to stretch to make up the deficit of over £7M European Social Fund (ESF).

2. We don't pursue the funding. Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County Councils (N2) however, would go ahead and bid without us. We would not be attempting to seek funding to support our more vulnerable residents into employment. We were unable to bid as a sole bidder, due to the minimum participant numbers required.

Decision

1. To grant approval to be included in a joint bid to be submitted by Nottingham City Council (lead bidder) for DWP/ DSHC IPS-PC Funding in collaboration with Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council, and in partnership with the NHS, for up to £6M in total.
2. To delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Communities and Place, following consultation with the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources and Strategic Director of People Services and the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Skills to agree the final bid for submission.
3. Subject to the bid being successful, to delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Communities and Place, following consultation with the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources, Legal Services and the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Skills, to accept the funds, agree terms and sign the funding agreement for Derby City's share up to a maximum of £1.5m and to enter the necessary funding arrangements and commence project delivery.

Reasons

1. To support the creation of a more inclusive employment support service for individuals with disabilities and health conditions, through a model of IPS delivery, that was evidenced to help individuals further away from the job market into employment.

2. This increased the level of support for our residents who wished to move into employment but faced barriers into employment due to their disability or health condition.
3. To support People Services, within the City Council, to offer further assistance to the cohorts they work with, to support the delivery of strategies where employment was key, for example Autism Strategy or SEND (Special Education Needs and Disabilities) strategy.
4. To reduce health inequalities in the city, via employment support.
5. Approval was required to comply with the Financial Procedure Rules, and a decision using the Urgent Leader of the Council Cabinet Member Meeting process, was to approve the bid being submitted by the deadline of 31 August 2022.

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