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Derby Enterprise Growth Fund (DEGF)

Purpose

- 1.1 DEGF Panel have recommended the award of a grant of £125,000 from the DEGF capital budget to an applicant company. Given the value of the proposed Grant this is subject to Cabinet Member approval and satisfactory due diligence.
- 1.2 Revised Terms of Reference for the Derby Enterprise Growth Fund (DEGF) Panel were approved by Cabinet on 12 September 2018 (Council minutes ref 60/18). As a result of this revision, DEGF Panel recommendations with a value above £100,000 require formal ratification by the relevant delegated authority within the Council before the Agreement can be executed by the Council.

Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To approve, in principle, a grant of £125,000 from the DEGF capital budget, subject to the confirmation of a satisfactory due diligence outcome and subsidy control position.
- 2.2 Subject to receipt of a satisfactory due diligence report and subsidy control compliance, to delegate authority to agree terms for and award the grant to the Strategic Director of Communities and Place and Strategic Director of Corporate Resources.

Reason(s)

- 3.1 To comply with Financial Procedure Rules
- 3.2 To comply with DEGF Panel Terms of Reference
- 3.3 To support projects as recommended by the Investment Panel

Supporting information

- 4.1 This recommendation was made by a the DEGF Investment Panel at a meeting on 18 January 2022, and is subject to due diligence and contracting.
- 4.2 The grant offer will only be made on receipt of a satisfactory due diligence report and subsidy control compliance.

- 4.3 The project will be contracted to create 15 full time jobs which will be used to support the delivery of the DEGF programme outputs.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 This application has been reviewed and recommended for support by the Derby Enterprise Growth Fund Investment Panel.

Other options

- 6.1 Do nothing and record the loss of prospective jobs to the City as referred to above.

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 The grant will be a capital grant from the DEGF capital budget for 2022/23 funded from the uncommitted balance of recycled DEGF capital receipts.

Legal implications

- 8.1 The due diligence exercise will clarify whether or not the award will be suitably protected and compliant with the scheme rules and subsidy control requirements. If this is not the case then additional legal advice will be sought to ensure the grant award can be made compliant.

Climate implications

- 9.1 Environmental sustainability is not a criteria of the scheme. However, many of the DEGF applications are for new kit and equipment which are often made to be more energy efficient and sustainable to the environment. We work closely with the De Carbonise Team, often referring and encouraging applicants to take advantage of the energy audits that are provided.

Other significant implications

- 10.1 n/a

This report has been approved by the following people:

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Background papers:
List of appendices: