



URGENT DELEGATED DECISION

Date: 20 August 2020

Request to the Head of Paid Service to exercise delegated authority as per Responsibility of Functions in Part IV, page 28 of the Constitution.

“to determine any matter within the referred or delegated powers and duties of a committee / sub committee / board / working which is so urgent that a decision must be made before the next meeting of that committee / sub-committee / board / working group is due to be held.”

Limits on delegation: -

- Before making a decision using this delegated power, The Head of Paid Service shall consult with and take cognisance of the views of the Chairman (or in his absence the VC) of the relevant Committee / Sub-Committee etc.; and
- Any decision taken by the Head of Paid Service under this delegated power shall be reported to Members within five working days of the decision taken.
- During the COVID-19 Pandemic we have also committed to consult with the Leader of the Opposition* on such decisions.

* Unfortunately the Leader of Opposition was unavailable for the consultation meeting but was provided with all the relevant pipework in advance.

Usual Decision Maker: -

This decision would have been taken by the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee but all Committee Meetings.

This decision needs to be made before the body is next due to meet as the closing date for bids to the Fund is 12 noon on 21 August 2020

The decision relates to the submission of an application for funding to the DCMS's (Department of Culture Media and Sport) Recovery Fund in relation to the Trinity Arts Centre for the amount of £200,240, for the period 1 October 2020 – 31 March 2021

Call-in does not apply.

Background and Detail relevant to the decision

The Trinity Arts Centre is wishing to make a bid for Funding to the above recovery fund for a total amount of £220,240.

A full funding bid had been prepared in consultation with Chief Finance Officer and shared with Members party to the consultation meeting. This has not been attached to the public decision notice due to its commercially sensitive nature.

The likely assessment criteria to be applied when assessing submissions was shared at the meeting, and it was noted that the specific language used in the bid submission had been specifically chosen to take into account this criteria.

The types of areas the funding monies could be utilised for were outlined, and the amount applied for would cover core “sitting” costs.

A successful application did come with some “offer conditions” and these were outlined to the meeting, and were all deemed manageable and acceptable.

Members welcomed that the amount of funding being sought was a realistic amount and hoped this increased the chance of success.

Reason for Urgency and Rationale for use of urgent Delegated Decision

In light of the current COVID 19 situation, the Government, through its Department for CMS, has set up a Recovery Fund. Monies are allocated through a bidding process. The deadline for submissions is noon on 21 August 2020. Corporate Policy and Resources Committee are not due to meet until after this date and therefore an urgent decision is required in order to support the funding application.

Decision

- Approved that the Funding Bid to the DCMS Recovery Fund for the Trinity Arts Centre, as prepared, be submitted before the deadline and the conditions of funding, if successful, be accepted.

Financial Detail and Implications

The grant bid of £200,240 does not require any match funding from the Council. If successful appropriate budgets and approval to spend will be formalised.



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Ian Knowles
Head of Paid Service

As the Chairman of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee I have been fully consulted on this matter



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Chairman of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee

As the Chairman of the Prosperous Communities Committee I have been fully consulted on this matter



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