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Notice of KEY Executive Decision

Subject Heading:	Submission of an application for the second round of funding through the Strategic Investment Pot (SIP).
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Damian White
SLT Lead:	Neil Stubbings, Regeneration Programme Director.
Report Author and contact details:	Daniel Moore Interim Business Development Officer daniel.moore@havering.gov.uk Tel: 01708 432 761
Policy context:	2019/2020 Corporate Plan (Opportunities Theme) – Helping our businesses grow, supporting existing and new businesses.
Financial summary:	This decision relates to the successful application of (SIP) funding through the Local London Partnership of £5.630m. The funding will be divided between the 8 local authorities who comprise the partnership.

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Relevant OSC:	OSC
Is it an urgent decision?	Yes NO
Is this decision exempt from being called-in?	No

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

- Communities making Havering
- Places making Havering
- Opportunities making Havering
- Connections making Havering

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Part A – Report seeking decision

DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Leader is requested to:

- 1) Agree the recommendations set out in the Strategic Investment Pot (second round) consultation report on the proposed allocation of SIP funding across London boroughs; and,
- 2) Note that the Local London allocation of £5.630m is yet to be allocated across the constituent boroughs;
- 3) Agree that acceptance of the grant agreement and the terms thereof be authorised by the S151 Officer.

The Council is a member of the London Business Rates Pilot Pool from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020. Under the agreed terms Pool, the Leader is authorised to represent the Council in relation to consultations and decisions in relation to the use of the Strategic Investment Pot. This pot comprises 15% of the net financial benefit of polling – estimated at c£55m and is to be spent on projects that:

- I. Contribute to the sustainable growth of London's economy and an increase in business rates income either directly or as a result of the wider economic benefits anticipated;
- II. Leverage additional investment funding from other private or public sources; and,
- III. Have broad support from the Greater London Authority, the City of London Corporation and participating authorities in accordance with agreed governance processes.

Havering is a member of the Local London Partnership (LLP), which submitted two bids totalling £15m of SIP funding to the Corporation of London. One bid was for an e-business support programme for £7.5m and a further bid for £7.5m to invest in fibre in the partnership area. The Corporation of London assessed the applications and produced a consultation report informing the applicants about the evaluation process and the proposed allocation of funding for each project. This included the recommendation that the LLP bid should be awarded £5.630m of funding for the e-business support programme. The bid to invest in fibre in the partnership area was not recommended for funding.

If all eight boroughs that comprise the partnership agree to the recommendations of the report then a figure of around £0.670m will be devolved to each borough (including Havering). The LLP would confer with Havering about the delivery of the programme and then enter into an agreement to pass the funding to Havering to deliver the project. The funding will finance a variety of activities through a business support package including participant training day's and one to one interventions delivered by an enterprise agency.

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The LLP would retain a small management fee for the management of the programme, which would include programme funding agreements with borough, performance monitoring and reporting, claims and financial oversight. The governance arrangements will include the LLP Director reviewing the project at bi-monthly Skills and Employment Board meetings. Strategic oversight for the project will be provided by the quarterly Leaders, Mayors and Chief executive joint committee.

Havering will commit match funding to the project by assisting in the delivery of the programme through officer time and allowing the use of training rooms in council owned premises to deliver workshops. Any expenditure will be drawn down from cost code: A26795.

The agreement to the allocation is to be made by a formal decision taken by the City of London Corporation, subject to consultation and agreement with all participating authorities to accept the recommendations of the consultation report.

AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

Under the Key Executive Decision signed 15th Jan 2018, the Leader is authorised to represent the Council in relation to consultations regarding the London Business Rates Pilot Pool and decisions relating to the Strategic Investment Pot as may be undertaken by the Lead Authority pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding.

STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In order to agree the allocations for SIP funding across London, all boroughs are requested to formally approve the recommendations set out in the attached report prior to the decision being taken by the Corporation of London.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

No alternative options were considered.

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PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

There is no pre-decision consultation.

NAME AND JOB TITLE OF STAFF MEMBER ADVISING THE DECISION-MAKER

Name: Daniel Moore

Designation: Interim Business Development Officer

Signature: *Daniel Moore*

Date: 6/11/2019

Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The report seeks authority from the Leader to agree to:

- 1) Agree the recommendations set out in the Strategic Investment Pot (second round) consultation report on the proposed allocation of SIP funding across London boroughs;
- 2) Note that the Local London allocation of £5.63m is yet to be allocated across the constituent boroughs; and that acceptance of the grant agreement and the terms thereof be authorised by the S151 Officer.

The Council's Contract Procedure Rules ("CPRs") 25, allows for the application and receipt of Grant Funding, as long as the procurement of any resultant Works, Services, and/or Supply contracts are in compliance with the CPRs.

Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 provides the Council with the power to do anything an individual may do, subject to a number of limitations. This is referred to as the "general power of competence". A local authority may exercise the general power of competence for its own purpose, for a commercial purpose and/or for the benefit of others. This general power of competence provides sufficient power for the Council to apply for the funding described in this report and to procure a contractor(s) to undertake the Works and/or Supply or Service contract(s) described.

The public sector equality duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires the Council to have due regard to; (i) the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010; and (ii) the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. Any equality impact assessment prepared in respect of the project(s) should be revisited as part of changing nature of the said scheme.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The funding for the E-Business support project will not expose the Council to any financial risk as the project is entirely financed through the Strategic Investment Pot. Havering is not committing any core funding towards this project with the exception of a small amount of match funding allocated towards officer time to assist the coordination of the project and the use of training rooms.

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The implications for Havering if the recommendations are not agreed in the consultation report is that the e- business support programme will not be funded and therefore will not be run in the borough.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS (AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS WHERE RELEVANT)

There are no human resources implications and risks at this stage.

EQUALITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires the Council, when exercising its functions, to have due regard to:

- (i) The need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;
- (ii) The need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share protected characteristics and those who do not, and;
- (iii) Foster good relations between those who have protected characteristics and those who do not.

Note: 'Protected characteristics' are age, sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnerships, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity and gender reassignment.

The Council is committed to all of the above in the provision, procurement and commissioning of its services, and the employment of its workforce. In addition, the Council is also committed to improving the quality of life and wellbeing for all Havering residents in respect of socio-economics and health determinants.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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Part C – Record of decision

I have made this executive decision in accordance with authority delegated to me by the Lea of the Council and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

Decision

Proposal agreed ✓

Delete as applicable

Proposal NOT agreed because

Details of decision maker

Signed



Name: ROBERT BENHAM

Cabinet Portfolio held: Deputy Leader
CMT Member title:
Head of Service title
Other manager title:

Date: 7th / November / 2019

Lodging this notice

The signed decision notice must be delivered to the proper officer, Debra Marlow, Principal Democratic Services Officer in Democratic Services, in the Town Hall.

For use by Committee Administration

This notice was lodged with me on 7th November 2019

Signed 