

Notice of NON KEY Executive Decision containing exempt information

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Subject Heading:	Approval to carry over funding from the GLA's Good Growth Fund into 2023-2024.
Decision Maker:	Neil Stubbings
Cabinet Member:	Cllr Graham Williamson
SLT Lead:	Neil Stubbings, Director of Regeneration
Report Author and contact details:	Daniel Moore Tel: 01708 432 761 E: daniel.moore@havering.gov.uk
Policy context:	Havering Corporate Plan: Place A Great Place to Live
Financial summary:	To gain approval to carry over £0.404m of funding from the GLAs good growth fund into financial year 2023-2024. The funding will be used to undertake public realm improvements in the London Riverside Business Improvement District (LRBID). This funding is part of the Rainham SIL Access and Innovation grant agreement with the GLA.
Relevant OSC:	Places OSC
Is this decision exempt from being called-in?	Yes, it is a Non Key Decision by Officer

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

People - Things that matter for residents

Place - A great place to live, work and enjoy - X

Resources - A well run Council that delivers for People and Place.

Part A – Report seeking decision

DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Director of Regeneration is requested to approve:

1. The carry-over of funding of £0.404m from the GLAs good growth fund into financial year 2023-2024; and
2. A Deed of Variation to the funding agreement between the Council and the GLA to agree the carry-over of funding as set out above.

AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

3.3 Powers of Members of the Senior Leadership Team

Financial responsibilities

(c) In consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member to apply for, accept and manage external funding up to a limit of £500,000 per grant in support of any function within their Directorate provided that any financial contributions by the Council are made from within existing budgets.

STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Havering Council submitted a successful bid to the GLAs good growth and secured £1.63m to undertake public realm improvements in the London Riverside BID area and create an innovation hub in Rainham.

The first stage of the project, the creation of an innovation hub, now known as Future Cube, has been completed, though the second stage, public realm improvements have been delayed and will be completed in the current financial year.

The project delays have largely been a consequence of the delayed signing of a head lease between the LRBID and the landowners, the GLA, and a planning application that had to be approved by the Local Planning Authority before the works could be undertaken. The lease between the LRBID has been signed and the planning application has been approved.

We are now in a position to move forward to complete the project and fulfil our contractual obligations to develop 257 square metres of public realm within the LRBID area. The public realm improvements are designed to enhance the positive elements of Rainham's character. This will include working sympathetically with the RSPB Rainham Marshes and integrating the local walking routes that abut this area. The design encourages greater use of the outdoors and creates a strong sense of place. The improvements are expected to be fully sustainable in their design, construction and maintenance.

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Preparatory works including the designs of the public realm have been undertaken and activities including the planting of flowers and trees has already begun. The major works on the site has not yet started but will complete within 2023/24.

Meetings and correspondence have taken place between the GLA and Havering and the GLA have proposed carrying over the outstanding funding into financial year 2023/2024. In order that the funding is carried over into this financial year a deed of variation will need to be agreed.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

The alternative option would not be to carry over the funding into the next financial year. This was rejected as it would mean losing the funding and being unable to fund the public realm improvements

PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

Meetings and correspondence with the GLA in relation to agreeing a deed of variation in order to carry funding over into the next financial year have taken place.

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

Name: Daniel Moore

Designation: Special Projects Officer, Regeneration

Signature:

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Date: 16th June 2023

Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Part 1 Chapter 1 of the Localism Act 2011 gives the Council the same power to act as that of an individual, subject to other statutory provisions limiting or restricting its use. The recommendations in this report are compatible with the above statutory powers.

The Council has entered into a funding agreement with the GLA to provide an Innovation Hub designed to boost productivity and skills in Havering and across East London and improve the physical environment of the area for works, students and visitors.

In order to meet the objectives of the project, this report now seeks to vary the agreement as set out in the recommendations.

Clause 11 of the funding agreement allows the agreement to be varied as detailed in the body of this report.

The Council's Contract Procedure Rules (CPR 19.7) states that no variation, extension or modification of a contract period may be made unless there is adequate budgetary provision.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

As the project is externally funded there is no financial risk to the Council. The implication if the funding was not moved into the next financial year would result in the development not taking place.

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

N/A

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, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnerships, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex/gender, sexual orientation.

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

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to improving the quality of life and wellbeing for all Havering residents in respect of socio-economics and health determinants.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The contractors who will under take the public realm improvements remain committed towards mitigating any environmental and climate change implications.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Cabinet Report June 2019 – Good Growth Fund: Rainham Innovation Hub and Public Realm improvements grant agreement

Non Key ED – Amendment to the Good Growth Fund Rainham Innovation Hub and Public Realm Improvements grant agreement cabinet report of June 12th 2019

Non Key ED Approval to carry over funding from the GLA's Good Growth Fund into 2022-2023.

APPENDICIES

Appendix A Deed of Variation between the GLA and Havering (exempt)

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Part C – Record of decision

I have made this executive decision in accordance with authority delegated to me by the Leader 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: Neil Stubbings

Cabinet Portfolio held:

CMT Member title:

Head of Service title

Other manager title:

Date: 16.05.23

Lodging this notice

The signed decision notice must be delivered to Democratic Services, in the Town Hall.

For use by Committee Administration

This notice was lodged with me on _____

Signed _____