


**RECORD OF EXERCISE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY OFFICER PURSUANT TO
REGULATION 13 OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS)
(MEETINGS AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012 &
THE OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014**

<u>SUBJECT OF DECISION</u>	
Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council – Sport England Capital Investment Funding Award in relation to Bedworth Physical Activity Hub (BPAH).	
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	<u>SOURCE OF AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE</u> (i.e. Committee/Constitution/Minute No. etc.)
DO/96/2024 (VS)	Cabinet minute CB110 21 st February 2024.
<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	<u>DECISION MAKER (Name and Job Title)</u>
4th March 2024	 Victoria Summerfield Strategic Director – Finance and Governance
<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u>	
<p>a) The issue</p> <p>NBBC has been reporting to Cabinet/Council on the BPAH strategic project for several years, following its adopted Leisure Facility strategy. Following the increase in construction costs and inflation over the past years (Since March 2022) the project cost increased significantly, which resulted in the Bedworth project being ‘paused’ until finances could be confirmed.</p> <p>Following several meetings with DLUHC and work over the past several months, a de-scoped design which has been value engineered, approved by NBBC Cabinet, and supported by Sport England and is now moved to RIBA Stage 4 to confirm cost and delivery. The design is currently “frozen” so that we can fully understand the financial costings.</p> <p>The original project was being estimated at RIBA Stage 3 at £30.6M, this was an increase of £500k more than expected.</p>	
<p>b) The Decision</p> <p>To seek approval to accept a variant Awards Grant offer from Sport England of £2.5M towards the development of the Bedworth Physical Activity Hub and enter into a 25-year agreement. This will be subject to NBBC and Sport England formally entering into a funding agreement for the grant.</p>	

<p><u>REASON FOR THE DECISION</u></p> <p>The variant grant from Sport England supports the Councils financial position in delivering this project and reduces some of the strain on borrowing to deliver the development.</p>
<p><u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED IN MAKING THE DECISION</u></p> <p>Not accepting the variant grant increases NBBC financial strain and borrowing and places more exposure on the Council.</p>
<p><u>WARD RELEVANCE</u></p> <p><u>Popular</u></p>
<p><u>FINANCIAL AND BUDGET IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>None.</p>
<p><u>CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN WITH MEMBERS/OFFICERS</u></p> <p>The Leader, Cabinet Member for Public Services, Chief Executive, Strategic Director – Public Services and Assistant Director for Recreation & Culture.</p>
<p><u>ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED BY ANY MEMBER CONSULTED</u></p> <p>None</p>
<p><u>IN RESPECT OF ANY DECLARED CONFLICT BY A CABINET MEMBER, ANY DISPENSATION GIVEN BY THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE</u> (Note if the decision is a non-executive decision, no dispensation can be given). N/A</p>
<p><u>EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>No specific implications.</p>
<p><u>HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>None</p>
<p><u>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>None</p>
<p><u>HEALTH EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>None arising directly from this decision.</p>

SECTION 17 CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

None

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

If the Council delays delivering the BPAH project from the agreed timescales by external funders, it risks losing the already secured funding towards the project. This would result in NBBC having to find 100% of the funds to deliver the BPAH project and this would place significant risks/strain to NBBC, which it is not able to financially support this level of funding.

SME (SMALL/MEDIUM ENTERPRISES) & LOCAL ECONOMY IMPLICATIONS

No specific SME & local economy implications.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ANY OTHER COMMENTS

None.

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