

Public Report with Exempt Appendices  
Delegated Officer Decision

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**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Delegated Officer Decision – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Report Title**

Regeneration Capital Grant: Principal Areas of Growth Memorandum Of Understanding

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

No, but it has been included on the Forward Plan

**Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

Paul Woodcock, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment

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**Ward(s) Affected**

Wath & Dinnington

**Report Summary**

Exercising of the delegated authority given to the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy and the S.151 Officer, to sign the Memorandum of Understanding from Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) in relation to the Capital Regeneration Grant.

**Recommendations**

1. Note that the Council's allocation of £19,990,111 will be added to the Council's Capital Programme at Cabinet.
2. That the Capital Regeneration Grant Memorandum of Understanding are signed by the S.151 Officer and returned to DLUHC.

**List of Appendices Included**

- Appendix 1 Memorandum of Understanding exempt
- Appendix 2 Dinnington Equalities Impact Assessment
- Appendix 3 Wath Equalities Impact Assessment
- Appendix 4 Dinnington Carbon Impact Assessment
- Appendix 5 Wath Carbon Impact Assessment

**Background Papers**

None

**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

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**Council Approval Required**

No

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

*An exemption is sought for Appendix 1 under Paragraph 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 is requested, as this report contains sensitive commercial information with regards to commercial agreements which could disadvantage the Council in any negotiations if the information were to be made public.*

*It is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption would outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information, as the parties' commercial interests could be prejudiced by disclosure of commercial information.*

## Regeneration Capital Grant: Principal Areas of Growth Memorandum Of Understanding

<b>1.</b>	<b>Background</b>
1.1	In response to the Government's Levelling Up agenda the Council submitted its Principal Areas of Growth bid for funding first in June 2021 and again in June 2022. Despite being unsuccessful in both rounds, at Spring budget 2023 Rotherham's proposals were identified as one of 16 to receive £200m additional funding for left behind places and in recognition of the high quality bid submitted.
1.2	The package of projects aims to transform two prominent sites within Rotherham's principal settlements of growth: Wath-Upon-Dearne and Dinnington. Both schemes focus on high quality place making to restore the cultural heart of the town centres, increase footfall, boost the local economies and restore a sense of pride amongst communities.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	Rotherham Council are required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which sets out the terms, principles and practices that will apply to the working relationship between DLUHC and the Council in relation to the administration and delivery of the Capital Regeneration Project (CRP) proposal 'Principal Areas of Growth.
2.2	The MOU applies to the allocation of £19,990,111 from the financial year 2023/24 to 2025/26.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Options considered and recommended proposal</b>
3.1	Option 1 - That the MOU are signed and returned to government - <b>RECOMMENDED</b>
3.2	Option 2 - That the MOU are not signed; this option would mean that Rotherham would lose the Capital Regeneration grant
<b>4.</b>	<b>Consultation on proposal</b>
4.1	The supported schemes were developed in conjunction with Ward Members and MPs for Rother Valley and Wentworth & Dearne as well as Dinnington St Johns Town Council.
4.2	Further engagement will continue throughout the development of the projects following completion of the MOU.
4.3	The Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy, Leader of the Council and 151 Officer have been fully engaged in and consulted on the development of the Principal Areas of Growth bid application and support acceptance of grant.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision</b>

5.1	A final MOU was made available to the Council on 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2023. This will be signed and returned to Government by 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
5.2	The MOU, grant and project scope covers the financial years 2023/24 to 2025/26.
5.3	Implementation of the grant and project progress will be monitored through the Council's governance procedures and incorporated into the external Town Deal Board.
5.4	In line with the Council's Constitution and Governance practices, project specific HM Treasury Green Book compliant Business Cases will be developed at the relevant project stages. Business Cases will set out project costs, route to market, delivery programmes, ongoing management requirements and implications.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications (to be written by the relevant Head of Finance and the Head of Procurement on behalf of s151 Officer)</b>
6.1	There are no direct procurement implications in relation to the acceptance of the grant, however when spending the funds, the Council must ensure it complies with the grant conditions as well as the Council's own Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules and the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended).
6.2	As per the Council's Financial Procurement and Procedure Rules (FPPRs) that include the Capital Governance Principles, this grant of £19.99m will be added to the Capital programme once the MOU is signed. This addition to the Capital programme will then be reported to Cabinet to note as part of the Council's routine financial reporting. As the intention is for the Council to deliver schemes at the two sites within the available funding gained through this grant, where possible external match funding will be sought to complement the schemes.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Legal Advice and Implications (to be written by Legal Officer on behalf of Assistant Director Legal Services)</b>
7.1	The terms of the Memorandum of Understanding are acceptable and will need to be complied with by the Council, particularly in terms of how the grant monies are spent, timescales and monitoring.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Human Resources Advice and Implications</b>
8.1	There are no direct human resource implications arising from the recommendations in this report.
<b>9.</b>	<b>Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults</b>

9.1	There are not considered to be any direct implications for Children & Young People and Vulnerable Adults.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications</b>
10.1	An Initial Equality Screening Assessment has been carried out on both projects and is attached as Appendix 2 & 3 to this report. Further detail and a full assessment will be carried out as the projects are developed.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change</b>
11.1	Carbon Impact Assessments have been completed and attached as Appendix 4 & 5. Further detail and a full assessment will be carried out as the project is developed.
<b>12.</b>	<b>Implications for Partners</b>
12.1.	The bid applications were developed with the active engagement of partners. The proposals reflect a broad consensus among partners on priorities for investment.
<b>13.</b>	<b>Risks and Mitigation</b>
13.1	Full risk registers will be developed on a project by project basis and included with each Business Case.
<b>14.</b>	<b>Accountable Officers</b>
	Lorna Vertigan, Strategic Regeneration Manager
	Tim O'Connell, Head of RIDO

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	<b>Named Officer</b>	<b>Date</b>
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	Click here to enter a date.
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Named officer	Click here to enter a date.
Head of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Named officer	Click here to enter a date.

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