

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

REF No 444.22

A1 Service Area	Leader of the Council and Economic Growth
A2 Title	Submission of Levelling Up Fund Round 2 Bid
A3 Decision Taken By	Leader/Chief Officer (<i>please delete as appropriate</i>)
A4 Chief Officer	Please print name: Thomas Deery Please sign name: Approval by Signature 010822
A5 Leader / Deputy Leader	Please print name: Cllr George Allen Please sign name: Approval by Signature 010822 Please print name: Cllr P Hudson (Mayor) Please sign name: Approval by email 280722
A6 Date of Decision	1 st August 2022

Confidentiality

A7 Is this Decision confidential by containing exempt information as described in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972?	No
A7.1 If yes, please state relevant paragraph from Schedule 12A LGA 1972.	

Scrutiny

A8 Which Scrutiny Committee should this decision be submitted to? (*Please tick as appropriate*) ✓

Scrutiny Community Regeneration Committee ✓
 Scrutiny Environment and Health and Well Being Committee
 Scrutiny Value for Money Council Services Committee

B1 What is the Decision?	To submit an application to the second round of the Levelling Up Fund.
B2 What are the reasons for the Decision?	<p>On 23rd March 2022, the Government launched the Levelling Up Fund Round 2 (LUF2) prospectus, which detailed the process for bidding for up to £20m of grant funding for regeneration initiatives.</p> <p>Originally planned to close on 6th July, the fund is open until 2nd August, giving around 4 months for the development of a funding application.</p> <p>During April, the Elected Members of the Council were consulted on LUF2, inviting all to submit ideas for projects. In May, these ideas were publically consulted upon, with the funding bid being developed over June and July.</p> <p>A summary of the bid can be found at Appendix 1, with the Council bidding for £20m towards the delivery of three projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revitalising the Market Quarter • Creating a new, multi-activity indoor leisure facility • Investing in Bass House <p>If successful, the conditions of the funding award will be taken to a meeting of Full Council, along with any ask of financial contribution, for the consideration of Members.</p> <p>The Leader of the Opposition has also signed a letter in support of this submission.</p>
B3 What are the contributions to Corporate Priorities?	This contributes towards the Community Regeneration priority.
B4 What are the Human Rights considerations?	There are no Human Rights issues arising from this decision.

Financial Implications

<p>B5 What are the financial implications?</p>	<p>The decision is to apply for funding which is subject to Government approval and then if successful for approval by full Council. The main financial issues arising from this decision will be considered within the future Council report if the bid is successful. These are listed as follows:</p> <p>The total cost estimate for the proposed projects equals £22,399,973, with a maximum of £20m available from the Levelling Up Fund.</p> <p>As a criterion of the fund, Councils are encouraged to provide a match contribution of at least 10% to their applications.</p> <p>As such, the application is made on the basis of up to £2,399,973 being conditionally provided by the Council, proportionately split between the three projects.</p> <p>If the funding application was successful, fully or partly, any contribution from the Council would need to be considered by Full Council later in the year. At this stage the degree to which this proposal may have ongoing revenue budget implications, such as future running costs or subsidy requirements has not been ascertained and these alongside any potential VAT implications will be outlined within the business case report to Council. The business case would also include the implications and risks associated with additional revenue requirements that could be incurred as a result of the capital expenditure / funding and therefore any potential increase in the base revenue budget.</p>
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<p>The finance section has been approved by the following member of the Financial Management Unit:</p>	<p>Please print name: Sal Khan</p> <p>Please sign name: Approval by email 280722</p>
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Policy Framework

B6 Is the Decision wholly in accordance with the Council's policy framework?	Yes
B6.1 If No, does it fall within the urgency provisions (Part 3 of the Constitution)?	NA
B6.2 Has it got the appropriate approvals under those provisions?	NA
B7 Is the Decision wholly in accordance with the Council's budget?	Yes
B7.1 If No, does it fall within the urgency provisions (Part 3 of the Constitution)?	NA
B7.2 Has it got the appropriate approvals under those provisions?	NA

Equalities Implications

B8 What are the Equalities implications:
B8.1 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits):
B8.2 Negative (Threats):
B8.3 The subject of this decision is a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised. An equality impact assessment would be created if the bid was successful

Risk Assessment

B9 What are the Risk Assessment implications:
B9.1 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits): The opportunity to continue the regeneration of Burton town centre, complementing the Towns Fund projects.
B9.2 Negative (Threats): The LUF2 is a competitive funding process and so the main risk is that the bid is unsuccessful
B9.3 A risk register has been created for the proposed projects. Any financial implications to mitigate against these risks are considered above.

Legal Considerations

B10 What are the Legal Considerations:

B10.1 The main legal issues arising from this decision are as follows:

This section has been approved by the following member of the Legal Team

Please print name: Sherrie Grant

Please sign name: [Approval by email 280722](#)

Sustainability Implications

B11 What are the Sustainability implications:

B11.1 The proposal would result in an overall positive effect in terms of sustainability (including climate change and change adaptation measures). The positive/negative impacts are set out below (please refer to guidance notes).

B11.2 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits):

As with Towns Fund, the cost profiles for the projects include allowances for additional works on sustainability features

B11.3 Negative (Threats):

Construction projects typically have negative impacts from a climate change perspective, however these will be mitigated wherever possible.

Health & Safety Implications

B12 What are the Health & Safety implications:

B12.1 A Risk Assessment has not been carried out and entered into Safety Media for all significant hazards and risks because there are no significant hazards or risks arising from this decision.

Key Decision

B13 Is this a Key Decision? Yes

Note: A Key Executive Decision is one where:

1. **REVENUE** – Any contract or proposal with an annual payment or saving of more than £100,000
2. **CAPITAL** – Any capital project with a value in excess of £150,000
3. A decision which significantly affects communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards.

B13.1 If this is a Key Decision, is this an urgent decision such that a delay caused by use of the Call-in Procedure would <u>seriously</u> prejudice the public interest?	Yes
B13.2 If yes, has the Mayor or in his/her absence the Deputy Mayor or in his/her absence the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee agreed that the decision will be exempt from Call-in?	Yes

NOTE: If this decision is subject to the Call-in Procedure it will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 3 working days after publication – unless 10 Members of the Council call in the decision.

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