OFFICER DECISION RECORD

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| **Officer:** Geoff George, Regeneration Programmes and Projects Manager | **Date of Decision:** 5th July 2022 |
| **Title/Reference:** Levelling Up Fund Round 2 – Authorisation of the Section 151 Officer to Submit a Bid**Delegated Decision Ref**: 22/12/P&R |
| **Consultee Member (if applicable):** n/a |
| **Record of Decision:**The Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer is supporting the submission of a bid under Round 2 of the Levelling Up Fund. Separate declarations are required from both the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer. The declarations are mandatory and without them, the submission will not be progressed to assessment. Each of these requirements is the subject of a separate Officer Decision Record.The Section 151 Officer’s form requires a signed declaration on one main and six sub-points.The main declaration concerns the accuracy of the cost estimates. These have been the subject of preparation and review by our appointed consultants, Arc Partnership and PRD Ltd, with support from the Council’s Design Services.Of the six sub-points, Three relate to the Council accepting only the maximum grant available; ensuring that successful bids will deliver value for money / best value and one confirming that the Council has the necessary governance arrangements and related obligations in place. These issues relate to established policy and procedures of the Council and the grant maximum is understood and factored into the submission.Three points relate to the Council’s allocation of sufficient budget to deliver the scheme beyond the grant; the Council’s allocation of sufficient budget from its own sources and the meeting of on-going revenue requirements. Each of these points is to be the subject of agreement with partners and the development of a full business case post-submission. The business case will test the operational assumptions within the submission, incorporating the wider business case for Mansfield Connect and specifically for the relocation of the Council from the Civic Centre to Mansfield Connect. Certain assumptions are to be made within the bid, based on the latest information available and the expectations of the LUF criteria. Progress will continue to be made on these issues beyond the submission date. A further form requires the Section 151 Officer to confirm the funds will be administered in a way that will take account of subsidy control obligations. The Council will not be disbursing any funds onwards to other organisations and advice has been sought on this issue. Should any aspect of the offer from Government or of the business case prove to be unacceptable to the Council, the bid may be withdrawn. Final decisions on the acceptance of an offer from Government and on the merits of the full business case will be subject to future consideration in reference to the Council’s constitution, financial regulations and procurement policy.  |
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| **Legal Powers / Authority:** |
| **Implications:**You should also consult any other relevant officers if you think the decision will have an impact on their areas of responsibility. | **Relevant Legislation:** Not applicable |
| **Finance:** The submission under the LUF Round 2 will be for the maximum amount of £20M in capital grant. The process requires the separate declarations to be signed by the Council’s Section 151 Officer. |
| **HR:** Not applicable |
| **Climate Change:** Not immediately applicable in this instance but sustainability issues are factored into the LUF submission. |
| **Data Protection:** n/a |
| **Human Rights:** n/a |
| **Equality and Diversity:** Not immediately applicable for this decision but equality issues are factored into the LUF submission. |
| **In consultation with:**(Where applicable) | **Head of Paid Service** |
| **Monitoring Officer:** No specific comments |
| **Section 151 Officer:** No specific comments |
| **Signature of Decision Taker:**(Please do not ‘pp’) | Martyn Saxton |

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