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| CONTINUATION OF THE 'PETERBOROUGH DNA' PROGRAMME UP TO SEPTEMBER 2017 |
| Councillor Peter Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development |
| MARCH 2017 |
| Deadline date: N/A |

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| Cabinet portfolio holder: | Councillor Peter Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development |
| Responsible Director: | Simon Machen, Corporate Director Growth and Regeneration |
| Is this a Key Decision? | YES If yes has it been included on the Forward Plan : YES Unique Key decision Reference from Forward Plan : KEY/23JAN17/02 |
| Is this decision eligible for call-in? | YES |
| Does this Public report have any annex that contains exempt information? | NO |
| Is this a project and if so has it been registered on Verto? | YES Verto number: The original project is PR001888. A revised Business Case is currently circulating for approval which outlines the latest stage of the programme (PR002281). |

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

1. Approve continuation of the 'Peterborough DNA' programme up to September 2017 following receipt of a grant to the value of £3m from Innovate UK (formally the Technology Strategy Board) in March 2013; and
2. Authorise the award of a grant to Opportunity Peterborough Limited to the value of £286,000 for accumulated and prospective projects under the Peterborough DNA programme.

1. SUMMARY OF MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for continued delivery the Peterborough DNA programme, now known as the 'Future Peterborough Framework' through Opportunity Peterborough as outlined in this report following receipt of a grant from Innovate UK (formally the Technology Strategy Board) in March 2013. This report follows two previous key decisions to approve the delivery of the Peterborough DNA programme.

2. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 2.1 This report is for Councillor Peter Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development to consider under paragraph 3.4.6 of Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with the terms of their portfolio at paragraph (f) and (k).

3. **TIMESCALE**

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| Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan? | NO | If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting | N/A |
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4. **DETAILS OF DECISION REQUIRED**

- 4.1 Peterborough DNA, via the Council and Opportunity Peterborough, have delivered a programme of work following receipt of a £3m grant from Innovate UK in 2013. This programme was agreed following consultation with the programme delivery team, the relevant Cabinet Member and senior officers of the Council.
- 4.2 In July 2016 a Future Peterborough Board was established, replacing the former Governance Board, in order to develop the Peterborough DNA programme further. At this meeting the Board agreed to develop the project in line with the Future Peterborough Framework. This document provides an overview of work undertaken to date, the remaining budget allocation and the implementation plan and deliverables.
- 4.3 Throughout the programme it continues to be emphasised that this is a demonstrator and learning programme and therefore, whilst the £3M will not be exceeded, there continues to a requirement for a degree of flexibility within the programme to enable new learning to be put to best use.
- 4.4 The decision to award a grant to Opportunity Peterborough to the value of £286k will enable them to continue to deliver some key aspects of the programme. In particular this will enable Opportunity Peterborough to deliver and manage key officer roles required for the programme alongside associated costs.
- 4.5 Any procurement of contracts by the Council under the DNA programme will be in line with the Council's contract rules. A grant agreement will be entered into with Opportunity Peterborough to govern the grant spend which will include a requirement to deliver in accordance with the Council's policies and procedures.
- 4.6 The governance mechanism for Peterborough DNA Programme will continue in its current format consisting of a senior level Future Peterborough Board and an officer level delivery team.
- 4.7 State aid has been considered and the grant award does not amount to state aid on the basis of the grant not potentially distorting competition and trade in the EU.

5. **CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 The project has been developed in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development and other members of the Governance Board as detailed above.

6. **ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES**

- 6.1 The DNA programme will continue to deliver significant change in Peterborough's economic, skills and environmental performance. In addition, the programme will position Peterborough as a test bed for initiatives aimed at delivering Innovate UK's Future City programme on behalf of the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills with resultant, positive impacts on the city's national and international profile.

7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS & ANY RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 7.1 The recommendations are necessary to ensure that the city is able to continue to deliver the Peterborough DNA programme agreed with, and funded by, Innovate UK.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 The only alternative option would be to return the remaining grant to Innovate UK. This is not considered to be an appropriate option as all the work funded by Innovate UK continues to meet challenges identified by the city in the Sustainable Community Strategy and other strategic city documents. A return of the funds and non-delivery of this programme would have a negative impact on the city's profile and reputation among other key government departments, thus potentially impacting on its ability to attract investment from both the private and public sector.

9. IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Financial – The Programme will be funded entirely by the Innovate UK grant. The various elements of the programme will continue to be developed to ensure that they become self-funding or identify alternative sources of funding beyond the initial funded period. The long-term sustainability of projects developed within the programme will be able to support key city initiatives, such as its economic growth and Environment Capital ambitions, into the future.
- 9.2 Legal – The Council has the legal power to provide the grant pursuant to the general power of competence contained in section 1 of the Localism Act 2011.

10. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

In relation to the Opportunity Peterborough Councillor Hiller is a member of the Opportunity Peterborough Board. However, as this Board is a company wholly owned by the Council there is no arising pecuniary interest issue.

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Future Peterborough Framework

The full feasibility study submitted to Innovate UK can be viewed at:
<http://www.peterboroughfuturecity.co.uk/>