

CONTINUATION OF THE 'PETERBOROUGH DNA' PROGRAMME UP TO March 2019
Councillor Peter Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development
November 2017
Deadline date: N/A

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?	NO
Is this decision eligible for call-in?	NO
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: 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 March 2019; and
2. Authorise the award of a grant to Opportunity Peterborough Limited to the value of £240,848 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 three previous decisions to approve the delivery of the Peterborough DNA programme and will be the final tranche of funding.

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 3.4.4 of Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with the terms of their portfolio at paragraph (k).

3. TIMESCALE

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.
- 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 £240,848 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. This will be the final tranche of funding and take the programme to March 2019.
- 4.5 Any procurement of contracts by the Council and Opportunity Peterborough 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. The Governance will be reviewed as part of the evolution of the final stage of the programme, to ensure that it remains the most appropriate governance structure.
- 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.
- 9.3 Equalities – there are no equalities implications arising from this report

10. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

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

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None