



Report to: Cabinet

Subject: Local Authority Contributions to Greater Nottingham Partnership
2005/06

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

A request has been received from the Greater Nottingham Partnership for this Council's contribution to be increased from £9,000 in the current year to £12,000 in 2005/06. I attach to this report a copy of the letter from GNP which explains the background to this request and lists some examples of the funding which has been secured by the GNP for projects outside the city.

As well as those items listed, the Borough has received other SRB funding for Netherfield, £50,000 in respect of the "Pub Watch" Radio Scheme and the promise of £100,000 towards CCTV improvements. It is also expected that GNP will be prepared to contribute £20,000 towards the cost of employing consultants to assist us with the proposed re-development of the Arnold Leisure Centre car park site and also £40,000 towards general town centre improvements (dependent on £10k Council contribution, which has not yet been agreed by Members).

Members' instructions on this request for an increase in contributions are requested.

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Dear Peter

Local authority contributions to GNP 2005/6

As you are aware the GNP running costs are made up from contributions matched by an emda grant. The current grant from emda is a maximum of £250k pa, which must be matched to draw down from them.

Since the formation of GNP as a limited "not for profit" company we have endeavoured to ensure a much more even handed approach to city/Greater Nottingham issues. This was of course helped by the transfer of SRB responsibilities to One City Partnership (the LSP for Nottingham City). Though GNP remains the manager of the ERDF and ESF Indicative Financial Envelopes (IFE) for the eligible area in the City this has enabled us to best match contributions and use single programme funds to extend projects beyond the City boundaries.

Examples of funding outside the City include:

- Major road planning for the Rolls Royce site at Hucknall (Ashfield)
- Siemens site masterplan (Broxtowe)
- High Hazels Business units (Broxtowe)
- Butlers Hill site (Ashfield)
- New Entrepreneur Scholarships with NBV (Ashfield and City to date)
- Nottingham Express Transit Lines 2/3 (£600k total)
- BEST Network Environmental support for business (all areas)
Netherfield Access Centre
- Bingham Business Watch (Rushcliffe)
- Business Crime Reduction (£2.5M across LA areas over 3 years)
Rural Initiatives (redundant farm buildings, transport support etc)
Inward Investment support (>300K)

Though this list is not exhaustive I believe it does indicate some specific investments which are also supported by a range of Strategy Action Team activities that direct programmes/projects across the area. For example ICT training and support has been active across the Greater Nottingham area.

The table below indicates the total GNP investments across the area.

	2004/5	2003/4
City	2407317	1843593
All	1017951	379532
Gedling	100000	484697
Ashfield	172700	82500
Broxtowe	502400	15800
Rushcliffe	90024	96667
Rural	57000	37340
All Non City	17494	14657

We are currently discussing with Nottinghamshire LSC who have previously contracted with GNP for the delivery of the Greater Nottingham Learning Partnership (GNLP) across the area. We will know more fully in mid-January how this is likely to be progressed.

You may also be aware that the Greater Nottingham Transport Partnership (GNTP) will be moving in to GNP in January. Their funding will be primarily from the City/County Local Transport Plan (LTP) together with the GNP transport investment allocation.

Whilst these projects demonstrate the benefits of co-location and better co-ordination they do not in themselves draw in money to pay for GNP staff, though we will use their contributions to draw down some of the emda match.

To enable GNP to draw down the administrative funding from emda we need to secure sufficient match. In previous years we have been able to use the management fee from the City Growth Pilot project (funded by SBS) together with local authority and public service contributions to match. With a small amount of earned income from rent etc this has enabled us to pull down the full funding from emda. As you are aware we have tried on numerous occasions to attract funding from private sector sources but this has proved virtually impossible. We can attract sponsorship for specific events or publications and we will continue to look at this.

I fully recognise the pressures on partner funds and the uncertainty in some areas such as Business Link, who are awaiting some direction from emda/Business Services East Midlands on their future funding and are therefore not in a position to guarantee any contributions at present.

The current contribution to GNP from the Local authorities was agreed back in 2001:

Nottingham City Council	£14k
Nottinghamshire County Council	£14k
Broxtowe Borough Council	£9k
Gedling Borough Council	£9k
Rushcliffe Borough Council	£9k
Ashfield District Council	£5k
TOTAL	£60k

In view of the above I hope that you will consider favourably my request for additional funding to enable the core staffing of GNP. My suggestion would be the following:

Nottingham City Council	£20k
Nottinghamshire County Council	£20k
Broxtowe Borough Council	£12k
Gedling Borough Council	£12k
Rushcliffe Borough Council	£12k
Ashfield District Council	<u>£8K</u>
TOTAL	£84k

If you require any further information or would like to discuss this further please let me know.

Best wishes

Martin Gawith
Chief Executive