

## Overview and Scrutiny review scoping report

Review title: Funding review

Chair of the review group: Cllr C Pope

Working Group members: Councillors Adams, Allan, Bestwick, Brocklebank, Brown, Dunkin, Elliott, Ellwood, Rachael Ellis, Roxanne Ellis, Gibbons, Hughes, Hunt, Najuk Pickering, C Pope, G Pope, Robinson-Payne, M Smith, S Smith, Strong, Walker, Whiting, and Wilkinson.

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Payne

Corporate Director: Francesca Whyley

Lead Officer: Emma McGinlay

### Reason for the review

- To review the current bid funding process to aid in successful future bids.
- To review funding streams available to the council
- To review feedback from previous bids and review how this is being implemented for future bids
- To review current research on topic
- To learn from and benchmark to neighbouring authorities, especially those that have been successful in bids

### Specific focus of the review

- Make enquiries of GBC officers to ensure work is not duplicated.
- Consider recent larger bids and the learnings gained following unsuccessful bids before consulting with similar departments of other authorities who were successful.
- Review both successful and unsuccessful bids from neighbouring authorities, particularly where their first bid was unsuccessful and how their subsequent bid improved when successful.
- Review current research on funding bids.
- MP input and how they support bids.
- Study the success rate between political majorities.
- To give regular feedback to Cabinet on the discoveries of the group to aid bids submitted prior to submission of Scrutiny Working Group recommendations.

### What do we hope to achieve?

- Practical recommendations to improve chances of being successful on future bids
- Identification of additional funding streams for council to bid on.
- Formulation of suitable recommendations based on the learnings of the group to improve the success of future bids.
- Practical support to staff to ensure they have tools to better succeed in receiving funding

### Information required from whom

- Econ development team (GBC)
- Communities team (GBC)
- Parks and Open Spaces – Mel Cryer (GBC)
- Head of Finance – Tina Adams (GBC)
- Chief Executive - Mike Hill
- Portfolio holders – Cllr Payne/Hollingsworth
- County Council Economic Development team (Sam Smith to confirm)
- MP (Gedling and Sherwood)
- Neighbouring authorities – Levelling up round two successful bids
- External companies that assist with bids for government funding

### How we will get the information

- Discussions with/presentations from guests
- Officer report presentation from stakeholders
- Decision notice – for levelling up round two funding bids
- House of Commons Gov reports
- LGA reports
- Institute of Government research
- LSE

### Equalities issues

There should be no adverse effect on the groups which fall within the protected categories as defined in the Equalities Act 2010.

### Timescales for the review

Action	Date
Approval from O & S	4 September 2023
Drafting the scoping document	24 October 2023
Meeting and evidence gathering meetings	February 2024 – June 2024
Drafting the recommendations and report	June 2024 – July 2024
Report to Overview Committee	July 2024
Report to Cabinet	August 2024
Response to Overview (Within 28 days)	September 2024
Six-month update	March 2025