

TOUR OF BRITAIN – ADDITIONAL BUDGET REQUEST

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To secure approval for additional budget provision to cover the costs incurred by the Council hosting the Stage 4 Finish of the 2017 event and to secure an 'in principle' agreement that the Council will be supportive of the Tour of Britain 2018 which will once again take place in Nottinghamshire.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 Members will be aware that the Council, as part of the Nottinghamshire Tour of Britain project team, hosted the Stage 4 Finish of the event on Wednesday, 6 September following approval by the Economic Development Committee at its meeting of 21 June 2017.
- 2.2 The approval was granted under Paragraph 7.2.1 of the Council's Constitution and an initial budget provision of £40,000 was made available to cover the costs associated with the event predicated on the information available at the time of the request.
- 2.3 During the planning of the event it became apparent that the costs associated with hosting the stage finish would be greater than originally anticipated to the sum of £9,970 due to unforeseen works associated with ensuring the event met all necessary health, safety and security requirements for all involved.
- 2.4 The increased costs were primarily associated with necessary highways works and the extensive Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders required hosting such a prestigious professional cycle race on open roads.
- 2.5 At the 2017 event debrief it was announced that there will be a Tour Stage in Nottinghamshire in 2018 and the District Council will once again be asked to support the event and be part of the Countywide Project team although details of the role that the District will play are still to be determined.

3.0 Proposals

- 3.1 That Policy and Finance Committee approve the additional budget required of £9,970 to cover the costs associated with hosting the Stage 4 Finish of the Tour of Britain 2017.
- 3.2 That Policy and Finance Committee confirm that the Council gives 'in principle' support to the County Project team to deliver the 2018 stage of the Tour in Nottinghamshire.
- 3.3 That a further report is presented to Policy and Finance Committee when details of the 2018 Tour of Britain start, finish, route details and financial implications are known.

4.0 Equalities Implications

- 4.1 There are no equalities issues associated with this report.

5.0 Impact on Budget/Policy Framework

5.1 The actual expenditure, as stated in the report, has exceeded the budget by £9,970. Members of the Policy & Finance Committee need to approve the additional spend in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.

6.0 Comments of Chief Executive

6.1 The Nottinghamshire stage of the Tour of Britain was a hugely successful event for the District to be involved with and brought significant numbers of visitors to the District. The live media coverage and highlights showcased the District and its residents in its best possible light to an international audience and generated uplift in local spend.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that:

- (a) the additional budget of £9,970 required to cover the costs associated with hosting the Stage 4 Finish of the Tour of Britain 2017 be approved; and**
- (b) the Council gives 'in principle' support to the County Project team to deliver the 2018 stage of the Tour in Nottinghamshire.**

Reason for Recommendations

To ensure suitable budget provision to cover all costs associated with staging the event and indicate 'in principle' support for the 2018 race.

Background Papers

Nil

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