

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMISSIONING SUB COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House on 11 DECEMBER 2013 from 2.02pm to 2.16pm.

Voting members

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| ✓ Councillor Dave Liversidge (Chair) | - | Portfolio Holder for Commissioning and Voluntary Sector |
| ✓ Councillor David Mellen (Vice-Chair) | - | Portfolio Holder for Children's Services |
| ✓ Councillor Jon Collins | - | Portfolio Holder for Strategic Regeneration and Community Safety |
| ✓ Councillor Nicola Heaton | - | Portfolio Holder for Community Services |
| ✓ Councillor Dave Trimble | - | Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture |

Non-voting members

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| ✓ Councillor Alex Norris | - | Chair, Health and Wellbeing Board |
| ✓ Helen Kearsley-Cree | - | Nottingham Community and Voluntary Service (NCVS) |
| Safdar Azam | - | Nottingham Equal |

indicates present at meeting

Others in attendance

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| Katy Ball | - | Head of Early Intervention and Market Development |) | |
| Candida Brudenell | - | Director of Quality and Commissioning |) | Children and |
| Antony Dixon | - | Strategic Commissioning Manager |) | Adults |
| Louise Graham | - | Programme Manager Resources |) | |
| Alison Michalska | - | Corporate Director, Children and Adults |) | |
| Zena West | - | Constitutional Services Officer | - | Resources |

Call-in

Unless stated otherwise, all decisions are subject to call-in and cannot be implemented until 20 December 2013.

61 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Safdar Azam – Nottingham Equal

62 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

At the time of consideration, Councillor Mellen declared an interest in agenda item 6: Streamlining Investment to the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) – Gender and Sexual Orientation, New and Emerging and Refugee and Asylum Seeker Communities of Identity, as he is a Board Member for Base 51, an organisation involved in the Communities of Identity grant funding. He did not take part in making the decision on this item.

63 MINUTES

The Board confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2013 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

64 VOLUNTARY SECTOR UPDATE

Helen Kearsley-Cree presented an update to the Board, including the following information:

The Chief Executive of D2N2 is interested in the Community and Voluntary sector coming together across Nottingham and Derby, to work together on a unified offer upwards of £50 million of ring fenced funding. This will fit in well with the existing Area Based grants funding in Nottingham.

65 WORK PROGRAMME

Antony Dixon, Strategic Commissioning Manager, presented the work programme for the Committee for the period January 2014 – March 2014.

RESOLVED to note the provisional agenda items shown below:

15 January 2014	Health Improvement Strategic Commissioning Review Voluntary and Community Sector Progress So Far Quality and Commissioning Procurement Plan Update Communities of Identity Commissioning (Established Communities)
12 February 2014	2014/25 Strategic Commissioning Intentions Child Development Strategic Commissioning Review
12 March 2014	NHS Transferred Funding Further Allocation and Integrated Transformation Fund 2014/15 Plan Residential Care Commissioning Proposals and Pricing

66 STREAMLINING INVESTMENT TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR (VCS) – GENDER AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NEW AND EMERGING AND REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKER COMMUNITIES OF IDENTITY

Katy Ball and Louise Graham presented the report to the Board, highlighting the following points:

- (a) As part of the effort to streamline Voluntary and Community Sector grants funding, 8 Area Contracts have been established for Area Based grants. The next phase is funding by Communities of Interest.
- (b) Panel has recommended two Lead Organisations so far, which will oversee cooperation between several organisations under their remit.

Further information was provided following questions and comments from the Board:

- (c) The organisations within each priority group are as follows:

- Gender and Sexual Orientation: Nottingham Women's Centre, Asian Women's Project, Base 51, Nottingham Rape Crisis, Women's Cultural Exchange, Go Digit All, LGBT Switchboard, POW, Muslims Women Organisation, Somali Women's Organisation, Lesbians in Nottingham, Recreation.
 - New, Emerging, Refugee and Asylum Seeker: NNRF, Signpost to Polish Success, Belong, African Institute of Social Development, Inspiring Greatness, Emmanuel House, Begin, Rainbow Project, Nottingham Beyond Borders, Nottingham Sport Group, Eritrean Community Organisation, Cameroon Support Group, Nottingham Zimbabwean Community Network, Gambian Welfare Association, East African Education Centre, Somali Unity and Cultural Centre, Nigerian Community Group
 - Established Communities: To be confirmed.
- (d) All groups have agreed to work together in this new funding scheme, which will involve a great deal of cooperation. The Lead Organisations will have a role to ensure that organisations within each priority group work together, and also that all three priority groups cooperate with each other.

RESOLVED

- (1) to agree Nottingham Women's Centre as the Lead Organisation for the priority group Gender and Sexual Orientation;**
- (2) to agree Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Refugee Forum as the Lead Organisation for the priority group New and Emerging Communities, Refugees and Asylum Seekers;**
- (3) to agree grant funding of £190,000 for Gender and Sexual Orientation;**
- (4) to agree grant funding of £235,000 for New and Emerging Communities, Refugees and Asylum Seekers;**
- (5) to agree grant funding of £320,928 for Established Communities;**
- (6) to agree that funding of £20,553 allocated to the Lenton Centre and £20,200 allocated to the Stonebridge City Farm be moved from Communities of Interest grant funding to Area Based grant funding.**

Reasons for Decision

Originally the Lenton Centre and Stonebridge City Farm were identified as supporting citizens from COI, during the review of COI it was identified that both organisations support citizens from the area in which they are located and not specifically for citizens that identify with the three priority groups within this review. Stonebridge City Farm supports citizens with a disability, but this was considered out of scope of the COI review and not supported by this funding.

The Grants Panel considered three applications. The two recommended Lead Organisations provided consistently stronger applications than other applications received and the Panel were unanimous in their recommendations.

Other options considered

To not increase the funding available to New and Emerging/Refugee and Asylum Seeker organisations that have previously not received funding. This would risk further fragmentation and disassociation of the new citizens who are coming to represent Nottingham's diverse communities. For this reason, this option was rejected.

67 SAFE FROM HARM STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING REVIEW – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRISIS PROVISION SERVICES – KEY DECISION

Antony Dixon presented the report to the Board, highlighting the following points:

- (a) The Safe From Harm review is an ongoing cross-partnership review of existing contracts. The findings from the review highlight the need for early intervention and effective performance management, and note that the service is largely effective.
- (b) The level of need and the prevalence of domestic violence mean that investment in this provision needs to be maintained.
- (c) The Crime and Drugs Partnership will lead with domestic violence crisis provision services in the future.

RESOLVED

- (1) to approve the procurement of services and spend of budget as detailed in exempt appendix 2. (If values are over and above indicative values, a new report will be presented to the Executive Board Commissioning Sub-Committee);**
- (2) to grant delegated authority to:**
 - **The Director of Quality and Commissioning to approve the outcome of the tender of the new Domestic and Sexual Violence Abuse Independent Living Support Service and award the contract, and for the Head of Quality and Efficiency to sign the contract arising from the tender process once the tender outcome is agreed;**
 - **The Director of Quality and Commissioning to approve the outcome of the new Stronger Families Service, and for the Head of Quality and Efficiency to sign the contract arising from the tender process once the tender outcome is agreed;**
- (3) To grant dispensation from Nottingham City Council Contract Procedure Rules 5.1.2 under the Council's Financial Regulations (3.29) in order to:**
 - **extend the Stronger Families contract up to 30 September 2014 to provide sufficient time to tender this service**
 - **directly award a contract for three years commencing 1 July 2014 to the current provider (Women's Aid Integrated Services - WAIS) to continue to provide the Helpline Service;**
- (4) to support the joint commissioning approach to be taken by NCC, National Health Service (NHS) Clinical Commissioning Group, Crime and Drugs Partnership and the Police Crime Commissioner's office in the commissioning of all services in Nottingham, and to align commissioning arrangements with Nottinghamshire County Council and NHS England where**

this is appropriate. (The Crime and Drugs Partnership will co-ordinate this approach);

- (5) To support the Child Development Strategic Commissioning Review in investigating ways of releasing resources to invest in Early Intervention measures.**

Reasons for Decision

Analysis undertaken to understand the system of provision around Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse in the City has now concluded. The cost of these services on statutory and third sector crisis and response services is set to rise due to the numbers of cases that are being picked up through social care, police call out incidents, local area panels and the priority families work. It is therefore recommended that in order to manage resources more effectively the Council agree to work with the Crime and Drugs Partnership in enabling them to co-ordinate the development and management of a joint commissioning approach between partners across the City. This will help ensure that resources are effectively deployed and compliment each other.

There is a need to respond much earlier and more holistically in order to manage our resources more effectively. This should lead to better outcomes for survivors and their children as we offer help and assistance in a more timely fashion offering it when it is needed rather than waiting for the abuse to escalate into a crisis before responding. The proposal to procure services will ensure compliance with the Council's Financial Regulations and Contract Procedure Rules. The proposal will meet the Council's aims to ensure value for money and quality.

There is an opportunity to bring together support services for Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse survivors residing in their own home. The procurement options appraisal has identified a competitive tender process as the means to deliver this objective. Due to budgetary pressures there is a need to make a reduction of £62,000 to the budget in the commissioning of the following services: Stronger Families, SHINE, Sanctuary Plus and Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse outreach service.

Delegated authority for the Director of Quality & Commissioning to award contracts is sought so as to avoid unnecessary delay in establishing new contractual arrangements and the institution of new service provision.

The review recommends the continuation of the Stronger Families service, and a competitive tender process has been identified as the best means to deliver this objective. The service needs to be extended in order to complete the tender and ensure continuity of provision.

The review recommends maintaining the current level of funding for the Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse Helpline as this is a service that is vital to address those in crisis. Nottingham City Council will award a contract for the Helpline with the current provider on behalf of itself, Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham Clinical Commissioning Group and the Police and Crime Commissioner in order to align and simplify contracting and contract monitoring processes. Funding partners will transfer the agreed level of funding to Nottingham City Council in order to facilitate this arrangement.

Other options considered

Cut DSVVA provision by 25% in line with the comprehensive spending review. This was rejected as the research clearly showed that there is not currently enough investment in this sector and greater investment is needed if we are able to deliver better outcomes for our citizens. Costs to the public sector would be greater without effective specialist response.

Continue recurrent funded services only and cease the non-recurrent funded services. This option was rejected as the research clearly showed that there is not currently enough investment in this sector and greater investment is needed if we are able to deliver better outcomes for our citizens. Costs to the public sector would be greater without effective specialist response.

Maintain current investment plus inflation. This was rejected as it was not deemed to be an adequate response to this area of increasing need and rising public sector costs. The analysis showed that our interventions are effective but struggling to meet demand and too focused towards crisis management. In order to get better outcomes for our vulnerable citizens it was recognised that we need to do more early intervention activity than we currently are.

Maintain current investment. Embed a proactive and confident approach/culture with staff working in the statutory sector in dealing with cases of Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse. This was rejected but was developed further to look at how a model more strongly focussed on Early Intervention could be implemented into the current structure.

68 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Committee decided to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the remaining agenda item(s) in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the basis that, having regard to all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information, as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act. The appendices contained commercially sensitive information which could compromise the Council's negotiation position.

69 SAFE FROM HARM STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING REVIEW – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRISIS PROVISION SERVICES – KEY DECISION – EXEMPT APPENDIX 2.

As minute 67, above.