

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Reference Number:	3906
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Subject:	Domestic Abuse Services to help support survivors with complex needs
Total Value:	£100,000 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<p>1. To approve the receipt and spend of funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to support survivors of domestic violence and abuse with complex needs, as detailed in the successful bid.2. To approve dispensation from Contract Procedure Rule 4.1.1 in accordance with Financial Regulation (3.29) (Operational Issues) to allow a multi-organisation collaboration agreement to be set up with Central Women's Aid, Juno Women's Aid and Nottingham Women's Centre, as bid partners. The agreement will expire on 31/03/2021, as per the bid.3. Delegate authority to the Head of Commissioning to sign the proposed multi-organisation collaboration agreement.</p>
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>The Crime and Drugs Partnership (CDP) co-ordinated a successful bid for £100,000 funding from the MHCLG's Fund for Domestic Abuse Services, on behalf of partners within the city. The bid requested funding to pay for staffing and service costs for the following over 12 months, continuing the core elements of R2C Phase 3 which ran in 2019/20, with the same specialist key partners, including a number of bed spaces delivered by an independent refuge, which are additional bed spaces in the city, as below:Central Women's Aid Refuge complex survivors 4 bed spaces £61,630; Juno Women's Aid Integrated Rise Complex Outreach and Resettlement Service £27,639;Nottingham Women's Centre counselling service £10,731.This funding will be administered by the CDP, which will be the lead agency for the 'Fund for Domestic Abuse' monies. A multi-organisation collaboration agreement will be put in place between Nottingham City Council and the above organisations for this funding.The successful bid to the MHCLG, the prospectus for the fund and the grant determination letter are included as appendices.</p>
Briefing notes documents:	Nottingham MHCLG bid application 2020 21 16th Jan 2020.docx, 2020-21_MHCLG_DA_Fund_Prospectus.pdf, MHCLG confirmation letter Annex A - Draft Grant Determination 8 April 2020.docx

<b>Other Options Considered:</b>	<b>No other options considered as the funding is tied to the bid that was submitted and additional support would not be available unless in accordance with the bid.</b>
<b>Background Papers:</b>	<b>None.</b>
<b>Published Works:</b>	<b>None.</b>
<b>Affected Wards:</b>	<b>Citywide</b>
<b>Colleague / Councillor Interests:</b>	<b>None.</b>
<b>Dispensation from Financial Regulations:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Consultations:</b>	<b>Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.</b>
<b>Crime and Disorder Implications:</b>	<b>The CDP is required to produce an annual Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan to consider crime, ASB, substance misuse and reoffending in the City signed off by full Council in 2019, in accordance with the Constitution. Domestic violence is a key priority within the Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan. The Crime and Drugs Partnership is the lead commissioner for domestic and sexual violence services in the City, and has robust performance management arrangements in place for these services. It is proposed that these services will be monitored through the same arrangements on a quarterly basis.</b>
<b>Equality:</b>	<b>Please login to the system to view the EIA document: Equality Impact Assessment R2C Phase 4.docx</b>
<b>Regard for NHS Constitution:</b>	<b>Local authorities have a statutory duty to have regard to the NHS Constitution when exercising their public health functions under the NHS Act 2006. In making this decision relating to public health functions, we have properly considered the NHS Constitution where applicable and have taken into account how it can be applied in order to commission services to improve the health of the local community.</b>
<b>Decision Type:</b>	<b>Portfolio Holder</b>
<b>Subject to Call In:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Call In Expiry date:</b>	<b>17/06/2020</b>

**Advice Sought:**

**Legal, Finance, Procurement, Equality and Diversity**

**Legal Advice:**

**There are no significant legal issues arising from this proposal. The grant expects there to be multi-agency and collaborative working, and therefore even though the grant submission must be made through the local authority, this project is considered to be a collaborative grant arrangement with funding flowing through the authority to its partners rather than a procurement arrangement where the local authority is purchasing services. A collaboration agreement will need to be put in place to set out the obligations of the parties.**

**In any event, even if this was deemed to be a procurement of services from the project partners, the Council could grant the dispensation as set out in the decisions to be taken under this report. Such a dispensation presents no legal concerns.**

**Advice provided by Naomi Vass (Senior Solicitor) on 07/05/2020.**

**Finance Advice:**

**This decision seeks approval to accept and spend funding awarded by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) in relation to supporting survivors of domestic violence and abuse with complex needs. The amount awarded by MHCLG is £0.100m and will be spent in accordance with the details outlined within this report and in accordance with the grant conditions. The grant relates to financial year 2020/21.**

**The grant and spend will be administered by the Crime & Drugs Partnership (CDP) and the budget holder will need to ensure there is no additional spend over and above the awarded grant amount to ensure no financial pressure occurs as a result of accepting this grant. Any further funding needed after the expiration date of this funding (31/03/2021) to the organisations identified will need to be sourced separately.**

**Dispensation from the provisions of the Contract Procedure Rules (4.1.1) in accordance with Financial Regulation (3.29) (Operational Issues) is requested in order that a multi-organisation collaboration agreement can be established with the bid partners named in this decision.**

**Advice provided by Philip Gretton (Finance Analyst) on 14/05/2020.**

**Equality and Diversity Advice:**

**Advice included on attached EIA.**

**Advice provided by Nasreen Miah (Equality & employability consultant) on 11/05/2020.**

**Procurement Advice:**

This decision is required as a result of a successful application for funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). Dispensation from the provisions of the Contract Procedure Rules (4.1.1) in accordance with Financial Regulation (3.29) (Operational Issues) is supported from a procurement perspective in order that a multi-organisation collaboration agreement can be established with the bid partners named, and at the values stated in the decision, to provide support to survivors of domestic violence and abuse with complex needs. The individual values and total value of these proposals fall below the EU procurement threshold.

Advice provided by Julie Herrod (Procurement Officer) on 22/04/2020.

**Signatures**

<b>David Mellen (Leader/ PH Regeneration, Safety and Communications)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 06/06/2020</b>
<b>Andrew Errington (Director, Community Protection)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 04/06/2020</b>
<b>Laura Pattman (Strategic Director of Finance) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 04/06/2020</b>
<b>Chief Finance Officer's Comments:</b>