

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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**City Council**

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<b>Subject:</b>	Priority Families Local Evaluation
<b>Total Value:</b>	£100,000 (Type: Revenue)
<b>Decision Being Taken:</b>	<p>To approve the procurement of a local evaluation for the Priority Families Programme from Troubled Families grant funding as recommended by the Commissioning Executive Group.</p> <p>To delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Early Intervention to approve the outcome of the tender and award the contract.</p> <p>To delegate authority to the Head of Quality and Efficiency to sign the contract.</p>
<b>Reasons for the Decision(s)</b>	<p>The purpose of a local evaluation of the Priority Families Programme's operating model and the interventions used in delivery as part of the 'Ways of Working' Transformation Strand under the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) and the Big Ticket Operating Model is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) to provide information required to inform the HWB's short and long term commissioning intentions;</li><li>(b) to evaluate the impact of delivery in improving outcomes for families and make further adjustments to improve in the light of any recommendations;</li><li>(c) to provide independent and robust evidence of the effectiveness of the locally adapted Priority Families service delivery model to inform future systems change and workforce development plans;</li><li>(d) to determine the effectiveness of the locally adapted Priority Families service delivery model in improving outcomes for citizens.</li></ul> <p>Full details of the evaluation can be found in the attached specification.</p>
<b>Briefing notes documents:</b>	PF Evaluation in NCC Service Spec template v4 final final.doc

**Other Options Considered:** Internal provision of a local evaluation was not considered viable as for a partnership programme there is a need for independent evaluation.  
A reduced local evaluation budget of £40,000 was considered but it was felt that would not procure a sufficiently robust evaluation over a significant enough period of time to inform multi-million pound future commissioning decisions.

**Background Papers:** None

**Published Works:** None

**Affected Wards:** Citywide

**Colleague / Councillor Interests:** None

**Consultations:** Date: 05/08/2014  
Other City Council Bodies: Health and Well Being Board Commissioning Executive Group (CEG)  
Agreement in principle to increasing the value of the local evaluation to £100,000 and for the period of delivery to be 18 months. Versions of the specification reviewed and amendments actioned and agreed by CEG at subsequent meetings and released to procurement for further work .

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

**Crime and Disorder Implications:** One of the 6 key qualifying criteria for a family to be eligible for support is that there is offending and anti-social behaviour in the family. This includes Domestic Abuse and poor behaviour in school as well as the community. This programme directly works to reduce offending and anti-social behaviour as part of holistic support to the family, meeting the council plan as well as government targets.

**Equality:** EIA not required. Reasons: This is not a new or changing policy, service or function.

**Social Value Considerations:**

The Priority Families Service Delivery Model is a new way of targeting Partnership support to those families who need it most in line with the government's eligibility criteria. The Priority Families model focuses on the whole family and unites the skills and expertise of all our frontline partners. The model supports the delivery of our key strategic partnership plans, in particular, the Nottingham Plan, the Vulnerable Adults Plan and the Children and Young People's Plan. To provide independent and robust evidence of the effectiveness of the locally adapted Priority Families service delivery model to inform future systems change and workforce development plans. To determine the effectiveness of the locally adapted Priority Families service delivery model in improving outcomes for citizens

**Decision Type:**

Portfolio Holder

**Subject to Call In:**

Yes

**Call In Expiry date:**

16/04/2015

**Advice Sought:**

Legal, Finance, Procurement

**Legal Advice:**

This decision does not raise any significant legal issues. It is understood from discussions with the decision author that the provider will be appointed following a compliant procurement tender exercise. As the provider will be paid from grant funding the City Council must ensure it complies with the terms of the grant and must pass down to the provider any relevant grant conditions including clawback.

Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 04/03/2015.

**Finance Advice:**

It is proposed to procure a local evaluation of the Priority Families Programme, which is required to provide information to the Health and Wellbeing Board on the impact of delivery of the programme and to make improvements based on any recommendations.

It is estimated that this will cost £0.1m, which will be funded from the Priority Families Grant. This expenditure has been factored into the forecasts for spend on the grant, and has been included in the Medium Term Financial Plan.

The purchase of the evaluation will be subject to the City Councils procurement process, which will ensure that Financial Regulations are met and Value for Money is achieved.

Advice provided by Stephen Lynk (Finance Analyst) on 27/02/2015.

**Procurement Advice:**

There are no procurement concerns. The successful provider will be appointed following a compliant procurement tender exercise managed by the Procurement Team.

Advice provided by Nicola Harrison (Procurement Lead Officer) on 06/03/2015.

**Signatures**

<b>David Mellen (Portfolio Holder for Children's Services)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 27/03/2015</b>
<b>Alison Michalska (Corporate Director for Children and Adults)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 08/04/2015</b>