

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	DCLG funding to help support victims of domestic abuse 2015/16
Total Value:	£99,956 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To approve the receipt and spend of funding from the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) to support survivors of domestic violence and abuse with complex needs as per the bid.2. Approve additional funding from DCLG in accordance with the bid, being given to 3 providers, Women's Aid Integrated Services, Nottingham Community Housing Association, Metropolitan Housing Association) to support services provided by them under existing contracts. This funding will cover the period to 31/03/16 only. See Appendix 1 for values.3. Approve dispensation from Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.1 in accordance with Financial Regulation (3.29) (Operational Issues) with respect to obtaining quotes, to allow for the direct award of a new contract for Nottingham Central Women's Aid funded from DCLG for additional support services to survivors as per the bid which will expire 31/03/16. See appendix 1 for values.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	The Crime and Drugs Partnership, in partnership with refuge providers, Nottinghamshire Healthcare Foundation Trust and Framework have been successful in securing DCLG funding following submission of a bid, to provide additional support to survivors with complex needs. This includes additional bed space, risk and needs assessment, advice, support, safety planning, mental health and substance misuse support, translation and interpretation services and resettlement support. The funding aims to support approximately 81 victims in a 6 month period. The funding will extend support provided under 3 existing contracts and allow extra bed space to be provided under an additional contract by way of a new temporary contract.
Briefing notes documents:	Appendix 1.docx

Other Options Considered: 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.

Background Papers:

Published Works:

Affected Wards: Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests:

Dispensation from Financial Regulations: Yes

Consultations: Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications: 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 September 2015, in accordance with the Constitution. Domestic violence is a key priority within the Strategic Assessment and the Partnership Plan.

Equality: EIA not required. Reasons: An EIA was not required as part of the bid.

Social Value Considerations: This bid was not part of Council procurement processes.

Decision Type: Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In: Yes

Call In Expiry date: 26/01/2016

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice:

The proposals in this report raise no significant legal issues are supported.

DCLG have offered funding to support survivors of domestic violence and abuse with complex needs.

As detailed in the report, CDP bid for this funding to extend the remit of services provided in the City.

The additional money will allow extra support to be provided to those providers under the existing contracts and falls within the remit of permitted contract modifications in accordance with the Procurement regulations.

The direct award to Nottingham Central Women's Aid is of low value, falls well below the EU Procurement threshold and on the basis that it is a one off provision to support survivors in the City, utilising limited available funding, dispensation as requested in the report, is supported.

Legal services will assist in preparing suitable contractual documentation between the relevant parties, in particular to ensure that any specific requirements of DCLG with respect to how and what the funding has been awarded for, are captured, as well any obligations with respect to any potential clawback of funds from the DCLG. Advice provided by Dionne Claire Sreaton (Solicitor) on 18/12/2015.

Finance Advice:

The income awarded is from the 'Fund to support victims of Domestic Abuse 2015/16' announced in the Spending Review 2015. The element awarded to the CDP is confirmed in 2015/16 of £99,956. This expenditure is subject to the DCLG grant terms and conditions. If these conditions are not met, the grant income is at risk.

Advice provided by Tania Clayton Perez (Senior Finance Assistant) on 15/12/2015.

Procurement Advice:

Dispensation from the provisions of the Contract Procedure Rules (5.1.1) in accordance with Financial Regulation (3.29) (Operational Issues) is supported from a procurement perspective. The additional funding from DCLG will enable additional funding to be added to those existing contracts, as detailed at Appendix 1 ,to enable additional support to be provided to survivors with complex needs. Advice provided by Julie Herrod (Procurement Officer) on 11/12/2015.

Signatures

Alex Norris (Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health)
SIGNED and Dated: 08/01/2016
Alison Michalska (Corporate Director for Children and Adults)
SIGNED and Dated: 07/01/2016
Theresa Channell (Head of Corporate and Strategic Finance) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations
SIGNED and Dated: 19/01/2016
Chief Finance Officer's Comments: