

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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**City Council**

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Subject:

DCLG funding to help support survivors of domestic abuse with complex needs

Total Value:

£100,000 (Type: Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

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 detailed in the bid.
2. To approve £35,000 funding from the DCLG, to Women's Aid Integrated Services and Nottingham Community Housing Association for support services provided by them under existing contracts. This funding will cover the period up to 31/03/2018. This funding is part of the overall £100,000 that was successfully bid for.
3. To 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 new contracts to Nottingham Central Women's Aid and Mojatu for additional support and outreach services to survivors which will expire 31/03/2018 as per the bid.

**Reasons for the Decision(s)**

The Crime and Drugs Partnership, in partnership with refuge providers, Nottinghamshire Healthcare Foundation Trust (mental health and substance misuse services), Women's Aid Integrated Services, Nottingham City Care, Framework, University of Nottingham and Mojatu Female Genital Mutilation Foundation, have been successful in securing DCLG funding following submission of a bid to provide additional support to survivors with complex needs. This bid forms phase 2 of the 'Response to Complexity' project and extends the wrap around service to include mental health care for complex survivors. Phase 2 builds on the achievements of phase 1 and includes additional bed spaces, outreach and resettlement support for complex needs survivors, mental health and substance misuse support. There will be specific support for survivors of Female Genital Mutilation both in refuge and in communities plus awareness raising and training with professionals and communities.

The funding aims to support approximately 120 survivors over 13 months (the bid was for the period January 2017 - March 2018, the funding announcement was February 2017, so expenditure will be from March 2017 - 31/03/2018). The funding will extend support provided under 2 existing contracts and allow extra bed space and specialist work on Female Genital Mutilation to be provided under additional contracts by way of temporary new contracts.

The successful bid to the DCLG is included at Appendix 2. Dispensation from going to tender is required as the services required can only be provided by specialist providers, and their engagement was required at the point of submitting the bid.

Nottingham City Council were invited to bid in to the DCLG for funding for specialist accommodation based support and service reform for Domestic Abuse Services. This funding was made available as part of the governments 'Violence Against Women and Girls' strategy which was refreshed in 2016.

The bid had to be submitted in partnership with other commissioning agencies and the local specialist domestic violence and abuse sector. The expectation for the funding was that it would primarily focus on the needs of women and children suffering violence as set out in the VAWG strategy.

**Briefing notes documents:**

DDM Appendix 2 DCLG Bid R2C Phase 2.docx, DDM Appendix 1 Funding breakdown.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:**

The criteria for the funding is attached.

**Unpublished background papers:**

2016-18\_Fund\_for\_Refuges\_Specialist\_Accommodation\_Based\_Support.pdf

**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 2017, in accordance with the Constitution. Domestic violence is a key priority within the Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan.

Nottingham City Council had pledged to be a zero tolerance City to Female Genital Mutilation (signed of by full Council in 2016). This bid will support the Council and partners to deliver this pledge.

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.

**Equality:**

Please login to the system to view the EIA document: EIA R2C Phase 2.doc

**Decision Type:**

Portfolio Holder

**Subject to Call In:**

Yes

**Call In Expiry date:**

03/04/2017

**Advice Sought:**

Legal, Finance, Procurement, Equality and Diversity

**Legal Advice:**

This report does not raise any significant legal issues. The City Council must ensure it complies with the terms of the DCLG funding and to put in place proportionate but adequate documentation with the providers. Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 13/03/2017.

**Finance Advice:**

The Crime & Drug Partnership (CDP) were successful in their bid for funding of £100k from the DCLG to support the Domestic Violence work already being commissioned. The authority will not incur any additional costs as a result of this grant, therefore this decision will have no financial impact. Advice provided by Dee Fretwell (Finance Analyst) on 06/03/2017.

**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 from March 2017 to 31st March 2018 will enable additional funding to be added to those existing contracts, as detailed at Appendix 1, to enable additional support and outreach to be provided to survivors. Advice provided by Julie Herrod (Procurement Officer) on 02/03/2017.

**Equality and Diversity Advice:**

The proposal meets the Public Sector Equality Duty in terms of equality of opportunity. It will be important however to ensure that all diverse groups particularly those that are marginalised e.g. BME, LGBT and Disabled have their needs adequately met with clear and measurable outcomes. Advice provided by Adisa Djan (Equalities and Diversity Consultant) on 02/03/2017.

**Signatures**

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| <b>Alex Norris (Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health)</b>   |
| <b>SIGNED and Dated: 23/03/2017</b>   |
| <b>Candida Brudenell (Corporate Director for Strategy and Resources)</b>                                    |
| <b>SIGNED and Dated: 23/03/2017</b>   |
| <b>Theresa Channell (Head of Corporate and Strategic Finance) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations</b> |
| <b>SIGNED and Dated: 21/03/2017</b>   |
| <b>Chief Finance Officer's Comments: for the operational reasons contained in the report</b>                |