Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision

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Subject:	**Domestic Abuse Services**
Total Value:	**£100,000 (Type: Revenue)**
Decision Being Taken:	**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 5.1.1 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, Women's Aid Integrated Service, Nottingham Women's Centre, Nottingham Deaf Society and Muslim Women's Network, as bid partners. The agreement will expire on 31/03/2020, as per the bid.** **3. Delegate authority to the Head of Commissioning to sign the proposed multi-organisation collaboration agreement.**

Reasons for the Decision(s)	**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 18 months, 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 £45,000;** **Women's Aid Integrated Services Rise Complex Outreach and Resettlement Service £26,763;** **Nottingham Women's Centre counselling service £15,141;** **Nottingham Deaf Society £9,360;** **Muslim Women's Network £3,736.** **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 is included at Appendix 1.**
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:	**Funding bid submitted to the MHCLG Fund for Domestic Abuse Services.** **Domestic Abuse Fund 2018-20 Allocations document.** **Grant determination letter for 2018/19.**
Unpublished background papers:	**Grant Determination 18-19 R2C Ph3 MHCLG 12-12-18.pdf, Fund_for_domestic_abuse_services_2018-20_application_Nov 2018.docx, Domestic_Abuse_Fund_2018-20_allocations.pdf**
Published Works:	**None.**
Affected Wards:	**Citywide**
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	**None.**
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 2018, 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.**
Equality:	**Please login to the system to view the EIA document: Equality Impact Assessment R2C Phase 3.docx**
Social Value Considerations:	**N/A**
Decision Type:	**Portfolio Holder**
Subject to Call In:	**Yes**
Call In Expiry date:	**22/02/2019**
Advice Sought:	**Legal, Finance, Procurement, Equality and Diversity**

Legal Advice:

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has made available a fund for Domestic Abuse Services, including refuge and other safe accommodation, to help local areas meet the Priorities for Domestic Abuse Services. The fund is available for projects to be delivered by 31 March 2020 and will deliver against assisting those vulnerable women and girls who have suffered domestic abuse. The key to the fund is that is demonstrates partership working across both the public sector and service area organisations. The application for funding can only be made by a local authority and the local authority is the grant recipient.

The Council has been successful with its application for a project which is dependent upon its named partners working in collaboration. Each partner has its own responsibilities under the project. The grant will be distributed amongst the partners as detailed in this report.

There are no legal concerns with regard to the acceptance of the grant.

With regard to the decision to provide a dispensation from the Council's Constitutional requirements on procurement the legal view for this matter is that this is a collaborative bid rather than the purchasing of services to be delivered on behalf of the Council and therefore procurement requirements would not apply. However, as a belt and braces approach a dispensation is supported. The value of the grant being passed to each partner is below £50,000 and therefore it is contract procedure rule 5.1.1 and the requirement to conduct a quotation process that is to be dispensed with. In addition there are no EU procurement issues arising due to the low value of the grant and payments to be made to the partners.

To ensure clear governance for the project a collaboration agreement will be entered into with all the partners involved and lsited in the bid application. This will set out the obligations of the parties, the reporting requirements and how funding will be distributed. Although NCC will remain ultimately accountable to MHCLG as the grant recipient the collaboration agreement will flow obligations to the partners and minimise risk to NCC.

Advice provided by Naomi Vass (Senior Solicitor) on 30/01/2019.

Finance Advice:

This decision seeks to approve receipt of and spend a £100,000 grant from the The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). The grant income will span across two financial years, 2018/19 and 2019/20. The profile spend is £33,593 in 2018/19 and £66,407 in 2019/20 and the grant will be received in accordance with this profile.

The grant will be used to fund Domestic Abuse Services via a range of partner organisations as detailed in the appendix to this decision. The grant will need be spent in accordance with any terms and conditions and within the appropriate financial periods. The income and expenditure of the grant will be managed and monitored via the Crime and Drugs Partnership accounts within NCC.

Dispensation is being sought from Contract Procedure Rules (5.1.1) and should be granted in accordance with the Legal and Procurement advice given.

Advice provided by Philip Gretton (Finance Analyst) on 06/02/2019.

Equality and Diversity Advice:	**Proposals have incorporated necessary and relevant equality considerations that will support the needs of some of the most vulnerable women in our communities.** **Advice provided by Adisa Djan (Equalities and Diversity Consultant) on 08/02/2019.**
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 in order that a multi-organisation collaboration agreement can be established with the bid partners named in the decision to provide support to survivors of domestic violence and abuse with complex needs.** **Advice provided by Julie Herrod (Procurement Officer) on 31/01/2019.**

Signatures	**Toby Neal (Portfolio Holder for Community Protection)**
	SIGNED and Dated: 15/02/2019
	Andrew Errington (Director, Community Protection)
	SIGNED and Dated: 14/02/2019
	Laura Pattman (Strategic Director of Finance) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations
	SIGNED and Dated: 14/02/2019
	Chief Finance Officer's Comments: