

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Implementation of the Department for Work and Pensions Reducing Parental Conflict Programme
Total Value:	35,000 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) To delegate authority to the Director for Children's Integrated Services to accept the Reducing Parental Conflict Programme (RCPC) grant funding and sign the funding Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Secretary for State.2) To establish a contract by calling-off from CCS Framework RM3822, which has been agreed nationally by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to facilitate the delivery of training to front-line practitioners, as a key element of the RCPC.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	The RCPC enables all local authorities to access funding to facilitate training of front-line practitioners to recognise and respond to parental conflict, to enable us to reduce the negative impact on children and young people in the family. Nottingham City's allocation of funding is £35,000. To access this funding, Nottingham City Council have had to sign a MoU with the DWP. The MoU requires us to use their preferred training provider and a standard call-off contract to access the training available and utilise the £35,000 funding.
Other Options Considered:	None. This decision is required to be able to meet the requirements of the MoU and access the national training package that has been commissioned by the DWP.
Background Papers:	None.
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 delivery of the national training programme in Nottingham City will enable front-line practitioners to recognise and respond to parental conflict. It is anticipated that this may help to prevent crime, anti-social behaviour and the escalation of conflict into domestic abuse and violence. It will help to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults.
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: An EIA is not required as this decision does not set out proposals for changes to a policy, service or function.
Social Value Considerations:	Not applicable.
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	01/05/2019
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Procurement
Legal Advice:	<p>The grant funding Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) required the City Council to use a call-off contract under a framework to select the contractor specified by the DWP. The City Council can make the award under the framework either because it is a compliant framework or in consequence of the value for the services being below the applicable procurement financial threshold. The MoUs are stated to be non-legally binding, but it is advised that the City Council should treat them as legally binding and comply with their terms.</p> <p>Advice provided by Andrew James (Team Leader Contracts and Commercial) on 18/03/2019.</p>

Finance Advice:

This decision seeks approval to accept and spend £0.035m grant funding awarded to the Authority from the Department of Work and Pensions. This grant is to support the Authority in their role to deliver and manage family centred services, which will focus on strengthening the couple/co-parental relationships and reduce parental conflict. In particular the delivery of training to frontline practitioners.

To access the funding, spend must be in accordance with the conditions identified in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that requires the Authority to enter into a Call-Off Contract with a preferred training provider.

The MoU is effective for 12 months from the signed agreement date (March 2018). The grant allows unused funding in 2018/19 to be carry forward to 2019/20.

Advice provided by Christine Green (Senior Commercial Business Partner) on 01/04/2019.

Procurement Advice:

There are no procurement concerns around this decision. Procurement will liaise with Legal to provide support in order to complete the call-off from CCS Framework RM3822.

Advice provided by Julie Herrod (Procurement Officer) on 26/03/2019.

Signatures

David Mellen (PH Early Intervention and Early Years)
SIGNED and Dated: 23/04/2019
Alison Michalska (Corporate Director for Children and Adults)
SIGNED and Dated: 23/04/2019
Laura Pattman (Strategic Director of Finance) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations
SIGNED and Dated: 17/04/2019
Chief Finance Officer's Comments: