

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Notice of Decision



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For Decision or Information	Decision
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*to be inserted by Office of PCC

TITLE: Re co-commissioning of county domestic abuse support 2020-8

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In 2015 the PCC agreed a co-commissioning approach with Nottinghamshire County Council, where the County Council would act as the lead commissioner for domestic and sexual violence and abuse support services in the city on behalf of the PCC and County Council. This was done under the legal umbrella of an Inter Authority Agreement and is outlined in Notice of Decision 2015.045.

Following an extension allowed under the terms of the original tender, the contracts will finish on 31 March 2020. There is a need to ensure that future domestic support arrangements are in place from April 2020.

Following discussion with the County Council in 2019, the PCC is requested to approve:

1. To work with the County Council to continue to co-commission domestic abuse support in the county, with the County Council as lead commissioner publishing an open tender in the summer of 2019; and
2. To provide up to £469,496 of funding pa (£281,698 pa Victims Services Grant and £187,798 pa Community Safety Grant) to fund the co-commissioned contact.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (e.g report or business case)

Helping and supporting victims of crime is one of the PCC's key strategic priorities. The Police and Crime Plan 2018-21 has an objective to continue to support domestic abuse services. The PCC is committed to working with partners and is represented on the County's Domestic and Sexual Violence Executive. The co-commissioning approach in the county has been successful and enabled greater financial security and reduced bureaucracy for providers.

The county's domestic and sexual violence Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) was refreshed in 2018. It recommends that the PCC and County Council maintain a co-commissioned approach. Soft market testing will be held in May 2019 to gain feedback from providers about the proposed approach.

A new Inter Authority Agreement will be developed to set out the legal framework for the co-commissioning arrangements.

The demand for domestic abuse support is high and the PCC and County Council are both maintaining 2018-9 budgets for support into 2020.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION (please include if is it capital or revenue or both. What the split is and the totals being requested. Is this a virement/ something already budgeted for or something that requires additional funding. Are there any savings that can be offered up/or achieved)

The funding is revenue and is in budget. As the contracts do not increase year on year there are efficiency savings built in.

Signature: 

Chief Finance Officer

Date: 13th May 2019

Is any of the supporting information classified as non public or confidential information**?	Yes		No	✓
If yes, please state under which category number from the guidance**				

DECISION:

To approve the following:

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OFFICER APPROVAL

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that the appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signature: 

Chief Executive

Date: 16/5/19.

DECLARATION:

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and I take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Any interests are indicated below:

The above request has my approval.

Signature: 

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Date: 17/5/19

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