

## Notice of Non-key Executive Decision

<b>Subject Heading:</b>	<b>Domestic Violence Perpetrator Service – Approval to Award</b>
<b>Decision Maker:</b>	<i>Barry Francis, Director of Neighbourhoods</i>
<b>Cabinet Member:</b>	<i>Councillor Barry Mugglestone</i>
<b>SLT Lead:</b>	<i>Barry Francis, Director of Neighbourhoods</i>
<b>Report Author and contact details:</b>	<p><i>Diane Egan</i>  <a href="mailto:Diane.egan@havering.gov.uk">Diane.egan@havering.gov.uk</a>  01708432927</p>
<b>Policy context:</b>	<i>Violence reduction is a key priority within the Havering Community Safety Plan 2022-2025</i>
<b>Financial summary:</b>	<p>There is no financial impact as all funding for the project will come from external funding and will not impact on the general fund. If the funding is reduced / not available the project will be adjusted to reflect this.</p> <p>£0.090m from MOPAC London Crime Prevention fund over 3 years.</p>
<b>Relevant OSC:</b>	<i>People</i>
<b>Is this decision exempt from being called-in?</b>	<i>Yes, it is a non-key decision by a member of staff</i>

**Non-key Executive Decision**

**The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives**

Communities making Havering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Places making Havering	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities making Havering	<input type="checkbox"/>
Connections making Havering	<input type="checkbox"/>

## **Part A – Report seeking decision**

### **DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This decision paper seeks approval to award the contract for a Domestic Violence Perpetrator programme of £0.030m per annum for three years to March 2025 from MOPAC and commence procurement of a Domestic Violence Perpetrator Service.

### **AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE**

Part 3 [Responsibility for Functions] of Havering's Constitution

Para 3.3 Powers of Members of the Senior Leadership Team

Financial Powers

(c) In consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member to apply for, accept and manage external funding up to a limit of £500,000 per grant in support of any function within their Directorate provided that any financial contributions by the Council are made from within existing budgets.

Contract Powers

- (a) To approve commencement of a tendering process for all contracts above a total contract value of £500,000.

### **STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

From 1st October 2020 to 30th September 2021 there were 2,571 domestic violence crimes and 4,364 domestic violence incidents in Havering.

In 2020-21 Cranstoun, a registered charity which supports people to rebuild their lives, approached Havering Council, having received one off funding of £0.030m from an Essex based benefactor to pilot a domestic violence perpetrator programme. The Havering Community Safety Partnership (HCSP) had previously identified the lack of a domestic violence perpetrator programme as a barrier to breaking the cycle of abuse for families experiencing domestic violence. Whilst mainly focused on perpetrators of violence against women and girls (VAWG) via group work and 1:1 intervention, it does have the capacity to work with female victims on a 1:1 basis. The pilot funded work with 30 perpetrators. The pilot is fully subscribed and though in its first year is showing positive attendance and engagement.

The Council is looking to commission a 3 year domestic violence perpetrator service that will provide support to perpetrators of domestic violence living in Havering through 1:1 work and group work.

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The Council has received confirmed funding of £0.090m over 3 years from MOPAC London Crime Prevention Fund.

MOPAC Funding was confirmed in April 2022 and we will not receive the final grant terms and conditions until September 2022. Therefore we were unable to enter into a tendering process at an earlier date.

Following a RFQ, the council only received one bid from a provider. However the provider met all requirements and is an experienced provider of services across London.

### **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

**1. Do not commission the service** - This option was rejected. There is no other service available in the borough for perpetrators of domestic violence. Funding is available from London Crime Prevention Fund to utilise and it would be a missed opportunity for Havering.

**2. Collaboration with other boroughs** - This option is rejected. The other Boroughs within the BCU have not chosen to invest in a perpetrator programme. The HCSP feel that this is short sighted and to truly break the cycle of abuse in families we need to tackle perpetrators robustly.

### **PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION**

*Havering Community Safety Partnership (HCSP) 26 January 2022*

*MOPAC LCPF Grant Spending plan agreed at Senior Leadership Team 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022*

### **NAME AND JOB TITLE OF STAFF MEMBER ADVISING THE DECISION-MAKER**

Name: Diane Egan

Designation: Community Safety and Intelligence Manager

Signature: 

Date: 25.07.22

## **Part B - Assessment of implications and risks**

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

The Council has power to procure the contract under the general power of competence contained in section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 which allows the Council to do anything that an individual may do subject to any statutory constraints on the Council's powers. None of the constraints on the Council's s.1 power are engaged by this decision.

The contracts fall within the light touch regime of the Public Contracts Regulations (as amended) 2015 (PCR). The proposed value of the contract is below the current threshold for light touch regime services of £663,540 and therefore is not subject to the full rigours of the PCR. However the procurement must still comply with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

The body of the report confirms that the proposed procurement is compliant the Council's Contract Procedure Rules for contracts of this nature, thus the Council may procure the services as set out.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

All funding for the project will come from external funding (MOPAC) and will not impact on the general fund. The indicative funding from MOPAC of £0.030m per annum has been confirmed for the 3 years to March 2025.

Whilst Community Safety have been informed of their spending allocation for the next three years, funding from MOPAC is indicative. A break clause within the agreement with the provider will be required in case funding were to cease/ change and the project will be adjusted accordingly.

If the funding is reduced or not available the project will be adjusted to reflect this.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS (AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS WHERE RELEVANT)**

There are no HR implications as this is a new contract and there are no TUPE implications

### **EQUALITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires the Council, when exercising its functions, to have 'due regard' to:

- (i) The need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;
- (ii) The need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share protected characteristics and those who do not, and;
- (iii) Foster good relations between those who have protected characteristics and those who do not.

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Note: 'Protected characteristics' are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnerships, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex/gender, and sexual orientation.

The Council is committed to all of the above in the provision, procurement and commissioning of its services, and the employment of its workforce. In addition, the Council is also committed to improving the quality of life and wellbeing for all Havering residents in respect of socio-economics and health determinants.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

There is no real impact expected from the procuring a new domestic violence perpetrator service on the environment or climate.

To help minimise carbon emissions, providers will encourage their workers to use public transport where possible. However it is acknowledged that the majority of mentoring will take place in and around the town centre where possible, where services are within walking distance.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

*None*

### **APPENDICES**

None

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**Part C – Record of decision**

I have made this executive decision in accordance with authority delegated to me by the Leader of the Council and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

**Decision**

Proposal agreed

**Details of decision maker**

Signed 

Name: Barry Francis

Cabinet Portfolio held:

CMT Member title:

Head of Service title: Director of Neighbourhoods

Other manager title:

Date: 28.07.22

**Lodging this notice**

The signed decision notice must be delivered to Democratic Services, in the Town Hall.

**For use by Committee Administration**

This notice was lodged with me on \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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**Executive Decision Report Audit Trail**

Position/Title	Directorate	Date Sent	Date received	Date Cleared
	Cabinet Lead			
	Member			
	SLT Director			
	Legal			
	Finance			
	Human			
	Resources			
	Equalities			
	Health			
	Democratic			
	Services			