

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 12 December 2019

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, People

PORTFOLIO: Community Safety

SUBJECT: Domestic Abuse Refuge and Community Support Services

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To update Executive Board on the integrated Domestic Abuse Service commissioned across People's services and seek approval of a waiver of Parts 2 and/or 3 of Procurement Standing Orders as appropriate pursuant to Procurement Standing Orders 1.14.4 and 1.14.5, for the continued provision of Adult Domestic Abuse Services.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That pursuant to Procurement Standing Orders 1.14.4 and 1.14.5, Executive Board approve a further extension to the existing Adult Domestic Abuse Services.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 In March 2019, Executive Board approved the commencement of a joint procurement process with Children's Services, to commission an integrated Domestic Abuse system based in Grangeway with refurbishment of Council owned property. Unfortunately, the refurbishment costs are prohibitive and a waiver is requested to allow for a new procurement process.

3.2 The procurement process would commence in January 2020 with the contract to be awarded from July 2020.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None identified.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The table below shows the current contract values:

Service	Annual Contract Value	Funding for Extension Period
Refuge Accommodation	£120,000	£57,705
Community Support	£123,000 (includes £15,000 for Sanctuary Scheme)	£59,147
Total (HBC budgets)	£243,000	£116,852
Additional pan-Cheshire funding for DA accommodation project /Complex Case worker	£7,728 2019/20 £25,872 2020/21	£4,321 £6,468
Total Funding	£366,320	£123,320

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

This service supports and provides safe accommodation for children, young people and families. Wherever possible children and young people are enabled to remain in their home and continue to access and maintain existing schools, health services and support services.

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

Individuals accessing the service will be supported to maximise opportunities to access training and employment.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

The service supports people to minimise the risks of harm, and access relevant services to improve their physical and mental health and wellbeing.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

This service safeguards children, young and vulnerable people and families by providing safe accommodation or support to remain safe at home.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Financial risk will be minimised by delivering the service within existing budgets.

7.2 The contract will comply with the Council's Standing Orders in relation to procurement and will be monitored in line with the Council's Quality Assurance framework to ensure contractual requirements are met with regard to quality, performance and outcomes.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 The support provider will be required to demonstrate they embrace and comply with the Equality Act.

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Executive Board report	Runcorn Town Hall	Cath Howarth