



Decision Ref. No.

B072/17

DECISION RECORD ¹

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Subject:

Hertfordshire Sunflower Domestic Abuse Hub & Champions Pathway - Award of contract

Staff Contact: Helen Gledhill

Executive Member: Colette Wyatt-Lowe

Tel: 01438 843617

Portfolio: Adult Care & Health

1. Decision

To procure and award funding of services, providing information and support to 'standard' and 'medium' risk victims of domestic abuse. These services, which include, case workers, drop-ins, a Sunflower Hub Manager and a Sunflower Champions Network, form the 'Sunflower' Hub in Hertfordshire.

2. Reasons for the decision

Funding was awarded from the Violence Against Women & Girls Transformation Fund to the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner in September 2017, following a successful partnership bid with the County Council. The Council took the lead commissioner role and subsequently procured a number of services to support standard and medium risk victims of domestic abuse. The funding will be in place until March 2020. All other domestic abuse services currently commissioned support 'high risk' victims and the Sunflower Hub aims to provide preventative support and advice to lower risk victims, before the level of risk escalates.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected ²

Not Applicable

4. Consultation

(a) Comments of Executive Member ^{3 4}
No comment

(b) Comments of other consultees ⁵
No comment

5. Following consultation with, and the concurrence of the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.

Signed: Jenny Coles

Title: Director of Children's Services Date:

6. Copies of agreed document to:

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- All consultees
- Chairman, and Vice-Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- hard & electronic copy (for public inspection both at County Hall and on Hertsdirect) Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall.

¹ for guidance see Chief Legal Officer's note "Taking Decisions"

² details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer at the time the decision was made

³ record any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member consulted. If an Executive Member declares a conflict of interest DO NOT PROCEED without seeking advice from the Chief Legal Officer

⁴ If the matter has general significance for the Council and/or is, or is likely to be, controversial, then the officer shall consult the appropriate Executive Member before proceeding. In some cases it will be necessary to consult more than one Executive Member, and in some cases the Leader of the Council will need to be consulted

⁵ If the matter has local significance, but no general significance for the Council and no controversial aspects, the officer shall consult or inform the local member in writing (or by e mail) and proceed. It is essential that all officers responsible for delivering services ensure that local members are kept well briefed on issues affecting their areas.