Decision Ref. No: B097/21

OFFICER DECISION RECORDⁱ

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Subject: Recommissioning of high-risk services (refuge/safe accommodation provision and Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy) for victims of domestic abuse

Type of Decision:	Executive
Key Decision (Executive Functions only):	Yes
Executive Member:	Councillor Stella Nash
Portfolio (Executive Functions only):	Adult Care, Health & Wellbeing
Officer Contact:	Helen Gledhill
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1. Decision

This Officer Decision Record relates to the award of the contract entitled: 'provision of services for high-risk victims of domestic abuse'. High-risk victims are those assessed as being at high risk of serious harm or homicide.

The decision is to award Lot 1 of this contract, for provision of support within safe accommodation, to Safer Places and Lot 2, for provision of an Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy Service, to Refuge.

2. **Reasons for the decision**

Current contracts for support within safe accommodation and Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy end on 30 June 2022, meaning a new contract must be procured to enable support for high-risk victims of domestic abuse to continue.

This decision is the result of a thorough procurement process. Evaluation of tenders was conducted by several multi-agency partners, including representatives from:

• HCC's Strategic Partnerships Team

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- The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Both of Hertfordshire's Clinical Commissioning Groups
- District and Borough Councils
- Hertfordshire's Survivor Shadow Board, which is made up of people with lived experience of domestic abuse in the county.

Refuge and Safer Places were identified, by the evaluation panel, as the highest scoring tenderers.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected

Award to other tenderers was considered during the evaluation stage of this procurement. This was decided against as these tenderers did not score as highly as those submitted by Safer Places and Refuge.

4. **Consultation** (see Summary of Requirements below)

Was any Councillor consulted?YesIf yes:Councillor Stella Nash

(a) Comments of Executive Member

None

(b) Comments of other consultees

None

- 5. Any conflict of interest declared by a councillor who has been consulted in relation to the decision
- 6. Following consultation with the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.

Signed: Chris Badger

Title: Executive Director, Adult Care Services

Date: 15.03.2022

Copies of record to:

- All consultees
- hard & electronic copy (if required to be made available for public inspection) to Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall.ⁱⁱ

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Summary of Requirements to Inform/Consult Councillors

Significance of Proposed Action	Controversial	Relevant Councillor(s) to be Consulted
Technical/Professional/ Routine	No	No need to inform or consult councillors
Technical/Professional/ Routine	Yes	Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member and, where appropriate, Local Councillor Non-Executive Functions: Relevant Committee Chairman and, where appropriate, Local Councillor
Local	No	Executive Functions: Inform Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor Non-Executive Functions: Inform Local Councillor
Local	Yes	Executive Functions: Consult Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor Non-Executive Functions: Consult Local Councillor
General or County-wide	No	Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) Non-Executive Functions: Consult relevant Committee Chairman
General or County-wide	Yes	Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) and the Leader of the Council Non-Executive Functions: Consult relevant Committee Chairman/Leaders all Political Groups