

TITLE	Domestic Abuse Services
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	The Executive on Thursday, 28 January 2021
WARD	None specific
LEAD OFFICER	Director, Communities, Insight and Change - Keeley Clements
LEAD MEMBER	Executive Member for Environment and Leisure - Parry Batth

PURPOSE OF REPORT (INC STRATEGIC OUTCOMES)

This report seeks agreement from the executive to procure a new domestic abuse support services contract and lays out the timetable to ensure a new contract is in place when the current contract expires at the end of June 2021.

Recommissioning will be based on meeting the projected increase in demand, adopting a whole systems approach, preventative demand management and local innovation.

The intention is to ensure effective support services are in place to protect the vulnerable in line with our aims to enabling safe, strong communities and changing the way we work for residents.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive agrees to:

- 1) procure a new domestic abuse support contract of an initial period of 5 years with an option to add a further two years to the contract period with a total contract value of £1,554,000;
- 2) delegate authority to the Director of Community Insight and Change, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Leisure, authority to award the contract(s) to the successful bidder(s) following completion of the evaluation process.
- 3) note that following a review of the local demand levels and service performance, additional growth has been requested through the council's medium term financial plan (MTFP).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Domestic violence can happen against anyone, and anybody can be an abuser. Its effects are wide ranging and has a serious impact on adults, children, and their health and wellbeing. Ensuring effective access to information, specialist services and multi-agency support is a vital part of keeping our residents safe.

The council is responsible for commissioning domestic abuse support for individuals who are identified as being at high or medium risk of serious harm.

