

**OFFICER DELEGATION SCHEME  
RECORD OF DECISION**



**TO BE UPLOADED TO THE INTERNET BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

<b>Date:</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	<b>Ref No:</b> LR082
<b>Responsible Officer:</b> Tom Hoghton, Community Safety Manager, Corporate Core Services	
<b>Type of Decision (please refer to MO Guidance):</b>	
<b>Key</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Non-Key</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Freedom of Information Status:</b> <i>(can the report go in the public domain)</i> Can go in the public domain	
<b>Title/Subject matter:</b> Award of contract for Domestic Abuse Independent Review	
<b>Budget/Strategy/Policy/Compliance:</b>	
(i) Is the decision within an Approved Budget?	Yes
(ii) Is the decision in conflict with the council's policies, strategies or relevant service plans?	no
(iii) Does the decision amend existing or raise new policy issues?	no
(iv) Is the decision significant and/or does it meet the £100,000 threshold for recording?	No
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b> [Does this decision change policy, procedure or working practice or negatively impact on a group of people? <b>If yes</b> – complete EIA and summarise issues identified and recommendations – forward EIA to Corporate HR]	No

## **Summary:**

### Background

Domestic Abuse in Bury is overseen by the Community Safety Partnership and, in turn, a Domestic Abuse Strategic Group. There are a number of commissioned services that deliver Domestic Abuse provision in the borough, some commissioned locally and some at a GM level.

The impending Domestic Abuse Bill will place additional statutory responsibilities on the Local Authority and Partners both strategically and operationally. Whilst we are in a good position to meet these new demands there will be some significant changes required.

Following discussions, the Domestic Abuse Strategic Group recommended that we commission an independent consultant to review our preparedness for the new Bill and also consider the wider framework of Domestic Abuse provision in the borough. The Community Safety Partnership agreed this proposal and the Local Authority were asked to fulfil this request.

A quotation exercise was issued on the Council's e-tendering portal The Chest on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021 in line with Contract Procedure Rules and with a closing time and date for quotation submissions of 12 noon on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Submitted quotations were evaluated in line with the criteria published within the request for quotation document and it is recommended that the contract is awarded to SafeNet as the leading bidder.

### Contract:

The Spec developed through the Domestic Abuse Strategic Group requires the following:

- Identify the services and determine the extent to which they meet the recognised need and prevent further harm
- Assess the effectiveness of multi-agency working in Bury
- Examine the current governance and review processes
- Examine how Domestic Abuse services are funded in the borough and what other opportunities exist to maximise value for money and increase investment
- Identify gaps in provision and required response in the context of available resources.
- Look at the MARAC process, considering whether it operates effectively and what other models might work better.
- What needs to be in place to meet the requirements of the new Domestic Abuse Bill, with specific focus on:
  - o How we will meet the duty for provision of support for victims in refuges and other safe accommodation
  - o Does our Local Partnership Board meet the requirements set out in the Bill
  - o Formulating a Needs Assessment

### Monitoring

The contract will be monitored through the Community Safety Team in conjunction with the Domestic Abuse Strategic Group with regular review periods in place throughout the life of the contract. Staggered reports are timetabled on different elements of the project which will be presented to the

**Wards affected:** All

**Consultations:** Domestic Abuse Strategic Group which includes statutory and third-sector Partners.

**Scrutiny & Review Committee Interest:**

**Options considered:** To undertake the work internally  
To commission another provider

**Decision** *[with reasons]*

Award of contract for Domestic Abuse Independent Review to:

2Novate,  
2 Strympole Way,  
Highfields Caldecote,  
Cambridge,  
CB23 7ZJ

Contract value £20,250

**Decision made by:**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

Director or Chief/Senior Officer



25.03.21

**Members Consulted** *[see note 1 below]*

Cabinet Member

Lead Member

Opposition Spokesperson

## **Notes**

1. Where, in accordance with the requirements of the Officer Delegation Scheme, a Chief Officer consults with the appropriate Cabinet Member they must sign the form so as to confirm that they have been consulted and that they agree with the proposed action. The signature of the Opposition Spokesperson should be obtained if required, to confirm that he/she has been consulted. Please refer to the MO Guidance.
2. **This form must not be used for urgent decisions.**
3. Where there is any doubt, Corporate Directors should err on the side of caution and seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer.