

**OFFICER DELEGATION SCHEME
RECORD OF DECISION**



TO BE UPLOADED TO THE INTERNET BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Date: 12 th May 2021	Ref No: LR088
Responsible Officer: Tom Hoghton, Community Safety Manager, Corporate Core Services	
Type of Decision (please refer to MO Guidance):	
Key <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Key <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Freedom of Information Status: <i>(can the report go in the public domain)</i> Can go in the public domain	
Title/Subject matter: To request permission to recruit to a 12-month, Fixed-Term, Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator post.	
Budget/Strategy/Policy/Compliance:	
(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
Equality Impact Assessment [Does this decision change policy, procedure or working practice or negatively impact on a group of people? If yes – complete EIA and summarise issues identified and recommendations – forward EIA to Corporate HR]	No

Summary:

Purpose

To request an increase in staffing capacity within the Community Safety Team to support the delivery of the requirements of the Domestic Abuse Bill.

Background

MHCLG have provided 'Building Capacity' funding of £50k to support the implementation of the provisions of the Domestic Abuse Bill, which is currently awaiting Royal Assent. There is no deadline for spending this money

To date, £20k of the funding has been allocated to engage an Independent Consultant to review preparation for the Bill and the wider DA context in Bury. This work is ongoing with the final report due 18th June, in time for CSP in July.

MHCLG have recently provided some additional detail on legitimate activity for which the grant could be allocated:

- The setup of, as well as chairing and secretariat to, Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Boards
- Resource to engage local services and / or DA victims representatives (e.g. through a dedicated lead within the authority)
- Data collection and analysis work to inform the Needs Assessment
- Production and publication of strategies, including local consultation
- To resource work involved in commissioning services
- Ongoing monitoring and evaluation of commissioned services
- Reporting back to central Government

Elements of these activities will be addressed through the Independent Review, however those related to implementation will not. This will result in an additional burden on the Strategic Group and Community Safety Team to ensure delivery of the new requirements.

The anticipated key deliverables will be to:

- Contribute towards the development of a needs assessment for safe accommodation in the borough
- Develop a strategy for delivery of safe accommodation support in the borough
- Develop an options appraisal for safe accommodation in Bury
- Commission a provider to deliver provision of support into safe accommodation
- Undertake work to ensure Bury meets the requirements of a functioning Local Partnership Board e.g.
 - Victim representation
 - Children's representation
 - Third sector representation
- Develop and submit Home Office returns on expenditure / progress

Wards affected: All


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

Scrutiny & Review Committee Interest:

Options considered: To try and recruit a two-day a week post solely
To not recruit at all

Decision *[with reasons]*

To agree the proposal to recruit a Fixed-term Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator for 12 months

Decision made by:	Signature:	Date:
Director or Chief/Senior Officer		12.05.21
Members Consulted <i>[see note 1 below]</i>		
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.