



**Philip Seccombe
Police and Crime
Commissioner
for Warwickshire**

Notice of Decision

Decision Title: Joint commissioning/funding of Domestic Violence & Abuse support services

Decision Reference: WPCC2 0174

Lead Officer: Richard Long

Date: 12th March 2021

Status: Non-Confidential

If confidential, rationale:

Decision Summary

A commitment by the Police and Crime Commissioner to the continued commissioning of Domestic Violence & Abuse support services undertaken jointly with Warwickshire County Council (the lead commissioner) and in particular:

1. The commitment to a new contract for the aforementioned services commencing 30th September 2021, initially for 5 years and (subject to a review) a further period of up to 2 years (i.e. 5+2 contract wef 30th September 2021).
 2. The commitment to the provision of £125,000 in PCC funding per annum for the length of the aforementioned contract.
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~~I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and that the decision is in compliance with the Code of Conduct. Any interests are indicated below.~~

Delegated through the Scheme of Governance to the Chief Executive due to a conflict of interest

Signature

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1. Background Information

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Warwickshire currently commissions Domestic Violence & Abuse support services for victims and survivors, which is done jointly with Warwickshire County Council (WCC) who are the lead commissioner.

The current contract to deliver those services is being undertaken by the national charity Refuge. This contract was due to end on 31st March 2021 but due to the impacts of COVID-19 on commencing a re-tendering process, was extended to the 30th September 2021. The PCC currently contributes £125,000 per annum to the existing contract.

An OPCC meeting took place on 23rd December 2021 between the PCC (Philip Seccombe), former Chief Executive (Neil Hewison) and relevant policy lead (Richard Long), at which the PCC agreed to a renewed commitment to jointly commission and fund the new contracted service. The PCC agreed to maintain the existing level of funding at £125,000 per annum for an initial contract period of 5 years, however WCC asked for consideration to a further period of an additional 5 years (i.e. a 5+5 contract) that was not supported by the PCC/OPCC. This was fed back to WCC for consideration and was later verbally amended/agreed to a further period of 2 years (i.e. a 5+2 contract).

On 11th March 2021, the PCC/OPCC received the enclosed letter from WCC requesting a formal commitment to £125,000 in PCC funding for a contract length period of 5+2 years.

This Decision Notice has been raised to formalise and record the previous verbal agreement by the PCC and allow a confirmation letter to be prepared for WCC.

2. Detail of additional information attached

Letter from Warwickshire County Council of 11/03/2021

3. Expected Benefits

The continued provision of high quality, value for money, support services to victims and survivors of Domestic Violence and Abuse in Warwickshire.

4. Impact of not approving the application

Underfunding/lack of provision of high quality, value for money, support services to victims and survivors of Domestic Violence and Abuse in Warwickshire.

5. Costs (including any identified savings)

£125,000 per annum for an initial period of 5 years commencing 30th September 2021, renewable (following review) for a further period of 2 years (5+2 contract).

6. Equality Implications

The services being commissioned are subject to and informed by a properly undertaken Needs Assessment that takes into account equality and diversity.

7. Legal Implications

None apparent.

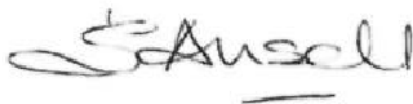
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Comments from the Treasurer

The co-commissioning of this service with Warwickshire County Council should provide for the provision of efficient and value for money domestic abuse support services in Warwickshire to support victims. The contribution from the PCC is fixed at £125,000 per annum and is included within the 2021/22 budget and across the medium term financial plan (MTFP).

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Comments from the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer

Due process has been followed in preparation of this contract.

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