

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families, Councillor Kate Lymer has made the following executive decision:

COMMISSIONING STRATEGY AND PROCEEDING TO PROCUREMENT: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS SERVICES

Reference Report:

*COMMISSIONING STRATEGY AND PROCEEDING TO PROCUREMENT:
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS SERVICES, 15/06/2021
Children, Education and Families PDS Committee*

Decision:

That

1. Proceeding to a competitive tender for the provision of the Domestic Violence Against Women and Girls preventative services be approved.
2. It be noted that the proposed tender would be for a total of five years (1 +3 + 1) at an estimated cost of £150k per annum with a total proposed value of £750k. This period has been chosen to align to the anticipated grant funding arrangements and is subject to confirmation of the supporting grant.

Reasons:

The Council holds a contract with Bromley and Croydon Women's Aid for the delivery of a range of support services to women and girls at risk of, or who have suffered, domestic violence and abuse ('DVA'). The contract is wholly grant funded and continuation of the service is dependent upon confirmation of recurrent grant funding. A one-year contract commenced on 1st April 2020, with an option to extend for a further two years. The contract length was set so that it aligned with grant funding arrangements at that time. Grant funding for 2021/2022 was confirmed for one year only and Approval (CEF20015) to extend the contract for one year was granted. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a statutory requirement on local authorities to monitor the level of domestic abuse in their communities and establish partnerships, in order to reduce the problem as well as work together with other agencies to highlight the issue and coordinate a response.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Children, Education and Families PDS Committee on 15 June 2021 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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Date of Decision: 21 June 2021

Implementation Date (subject to call-in): 28 June 2021

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