

Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s)

1. Subject of decision

Procurement of Domestic Abuse Services – Award of Contracts

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Mark Longstaff, Head of Commissioning and Asset Management

3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

None

4. Executive summary (To be taken from written report)

North Tyneside currently commissions domestic abuse support services. The commissioned services are an integral part of the wider multi-agency approach to tackle domestic abuse. This is focused on prevention and early intervention as well as support for victims. The current domestic abuse contracts will terminate on 31 March 2019.

Cabinet approved the procurement of these specialist domestic abuse services on the above basis in North Tyneside on 15 October 2018.

Following this decision, a procurement exercise was carried out in accordance with the Authority's Contract Standing Orders, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and EU procurement regulations.

The compliant tenders were fully evaluated and the successful tenderers met the requirements set out in the service specification.

5. Alternative Options considered

To not re-procure the services which would then cease 31 March 2019.

6. Decision(s)

To award contracts for:

- Integrated Domestic Abuse Services to Harbour Support Services;
- Children's Therapeutic Services to Acorns (North Tyneside).

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

The Authority has a duty, alongside statutory partners, to safeguard children and vulnerable adults at risk of abuse and neglect including domestic abuse. The current contracts will end on 31 March 2019 and the tenders recommended for approval were evaluated as the highest quality proposals and compliant with the fixed price for each service. This will ensure continuity of services for those accessing support.

8. Date Decision Made

25 February 2019

To be completed by Democratic Services

9. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period

Monday 4 March 2019

10. Date of Publication

25 February 2019

11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

After 5pm on 4 March 2019

*Note – The decision is not subject to Call-In, as agreed by the Chair of Council, due to the following reasons(s):