


Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Award of domestic abuse support service contract
Date of decision:	2 nd January 2019
Decision maker:	Director of public health
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>The executive decision 'Recommissioning of a domestic abuse support service and an outline approach for a domestic abuse strategy for Herefordshire' made by Cabinet on the 18/10/18 authorised the Director to award contracts for domestic abuse support services for a period of up to five years and a maximum combined value not exceeding £1.3m.</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=5394</p>
Ward:	Countywide
Consultation:	<p>Engagement with service users of the current domestic abuse support service to inform both the revised Domestic Abuse Strategy and the re-commissioning of the support service.</p> <p>Elected Members and Members from both the Adults and Wellbeing and Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committees</p>
Decision made:	Award a contract to West Mercia Women's Aid for the provision of a domestic abuse support service for a period of 5 years at a total cost of £1,295,000.
Reasons for decision:	<p>The former domestic abuse support service contract expires on 31st March 2019.</p> <p>A reviewed domestic abuse support service is required to –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensure continuity of the service provision from 1st April 2019 • align delivery of the service to the new draft Domestic Abuse Strategy 2019-2022 • align the service to current strategic priorities for adults and children's services. <p>A fully competitive tender process has been undertaken to identify a provider to deliver this service for a period of five years, starting on the 1st April 2019. Please see attached tender evaluation report for further detail.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Tender Evaluation Report.doc</p> </div>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>Finance Funding for the domestic abuse support service is already approved as part of the adult and communities and children and families budgets.</p> <p>Health and safety</p>

	<p>The commissioned provider will be expected to work to the same health and safety standards and codes of practice as the council, as far as is reasonably practicable.</p> <p>Equality The domestic abuse support service specification was specific about the importance of equity of access to the service for any person experiencing domestic abuse in Herefordshire, including those with protected characteristics. The commissioned provider has demonstrated a commitment to meeting the needs of any service user and will be monitored accordingly.</p> <p>Legal The council has conducted an OJEU compliant procurement process and an outcome has been identified based on the results of the evaluation carried out by the Evaluation Panel.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>The alternative option would be not to award a contract for the provision of domestic abuse support services. This option is not recommended as there would be no specific provision for those experiencing domestic abuse in Herefordshire. This scenario carries risks to those seeking support and their children.</p> <p>If a service to support those experiencing domestic abuse is not commissioned this would place additional pressures on adult social care capacity and budgets.</p>
Details of any declarations of interest made:	<p>No officers or members involved or consulted in the decision-making have declared an interest.</p>

Signed..... Date: / /