

DECISION RECORD ¹

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Subject: Update on Refuge Procurement

(Please use the same title as provided in the Forward Plan)

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Executive Member: Colette Wyatt-Lowe

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Portfolio: Adult Care & Health

1. Decision

The Director authorise officers to enter into a contract commencing with Safer Places from 1st October 2017 to deliver the refuge domestic abuse services in Hertfordshire. The contract to be awarded is to the value of £612,000.00 per annum for two years (total contract value of £1224k) plus an option to extend for a further two years subject to available funds.

2. Reasons for the decision

Result of a full OJEU tender exercise to commission a lead provider specialist refuge service for people affected by domestic abuse (DA), and in doing so deliver a key part of Hertfordshire's DA Strategy 2016-2019.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected ²

No alternatives considered – full OJEU process followed.

4. Consultation

(a) Comments of Executive Member ^{3 4}

Cllr Colette Wyatt-Lowe content with the process followed, tender outcome and mobilisation planning process (consulted 18 May 2017).

(b) Comments of other consultees ⁵

North Herts District Council colleagues participated in the tender process as a representative local housing authority.

5. Following consultation with, and the concurrence of the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.

Signed: 

Title: Director of Health & Community Services..... Date: ...18th May 2017.....

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6. Copies of agreed document to:

- All consultees
- Chairman, and Vice-Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- hard & electronic copy (for public inspection both at County Hall and on Hertsdirect) Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall.

¹ for guidance see Chief Legal Officer's note "Taking Decisions"

² details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer at the time the decision was made

³ record any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member consulted. If an Executive Member declares a conflict of interest DO NOT PROCEED without seeking advice from the Chief Legal Officer

⁴ If the matter has general significance for the Council and/or is, or is likely to be, controversial, then the officer shall consult the appropriate Executive Member before proceeding. In some cases it will be necessary to consult more than one Executive Member, and in some cases the Leader of the Council will need to be consulted

⁵ If the matter has local significance, but no general significance for the Council and no controversial aspects, the officer shall consult or inform the local member in writing (or by e mail) and proceed. It is essential that all officers responsible for delivering services ensure that local members are kept well briefed on issues affecting their areas.