

## OFFICER DECISION RECORD <sup>1</sup>

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**Subject:** Recommissioning of high-risk services (refuge/safe accommodation provision and Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy) for victims of domestic abuse

<b>Type of Decision:</b>	Executive
<b>Key Decision (Executive Functions only):</b>	Yes
<b>Executive Member:</b>	Councillor Stella Nash
<b>Portfolio (Executive Functions only):</b>	Adult Care, Health & Wellbeing
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### 1. **Decision**

To proceed with the proposed procurement of support within safe accommodation and an Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy Service, to support high risk victims of domestic abuse (i.e. those at the highest risk of serious harm or homicide).

### 2. **Reasons for the decision**

Current contracts for support within safe accommodation Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy end on 31 March 2022, meaning a new contract must be procured to enable support for high-risk victims of domestic abuse to continue.

### 3. **Alternative options considered and rejected**

The alternative option considered was to not proceed with the procurement. This was rejected due to the gap in service provision this would leave and the resulting risk to high-risk victims of domestic abuse.

### 4. **Consultation** (see *Summary of Requirements below*)

**Was any Councillor consulted?**      **Yes**

**April 2020**

**If yes:**

**Councillor Stella Nash**

(a) Comments of Executive Member/Committee Chairman (*delete as applicable*)

None.

(b) Comments of other consultees

None.

5. **Any conflict of interest declared by a councillor who has been consulted in relation to the decision**

None.

6. **Following consultation with the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.** (*delete words in square brackets if no requirement to consult the Executive Member/Committee Chairman*)

Signed: Chris Badger

Title: Director, Adult Care Services

Date: 29 October 2021

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- All consultees
- hard & electronic copy (if required to be made available for public inspection) to Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall.<sup>ii</sup>

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## Summary of Requirements to Inform/Consult Councillors

<b>Significance of Proposed Action</b>	<b>Controversial</b>	<b>Relevant Councillor(s) to be Consulted</b>
Technical/Professional/ Routine	No	No need to inform or consult councillors
Technical/Professional/ Routine	Yes	<b>Executive Functions:</b> Consult relevant Lead Executive Member and, where appropriate, Local Councillor <b>Non-Executive Functions:</b> Relevant Committee Chairman and, where appropriate, Local Councillor
Local	No	<b>Executive Functions:</b> Inform Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor <b>Non-Executive Functions:</b> Inform Local Councillor
Local	Yes	<b>Executive Functions:</b> Consult Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor <b>Non-Executive Functions:</b> Consult Local Councillor
General or County-wide	No	<b>Executive Functions:</b> Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) <b>Non-Executive Functions:</b> Consult relevant Committee Chairman
General or County-wide	Yes	<b>Executive Functions:</b> Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) and the Leader of the Council <b>Non-Executive Functions:</b> Consult relevant Committee Chairman/Leaders all Political Groups