

Report to Cabinet

Subject: Domestic Abuse Refuge Provision in Nottinghamshire

Date: 23rd April 2015

Author: Community Safety and Safeguarding Manager

Wards Affected

All

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to approve an addition to the budget and the establishment of agreements with local housing authorities in Nottinghamshire to distribute a Section 31 Grant award to strengthen domestic abuse refuge services across Nottinghamshire.

Key Decision

This is not a key decision.

1 Background

- 1.1 In November 2014 the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) produced a bidding prospectus for funding to strengthen accommodation based specialist domestic abuse service provision.
- 1.2 Applications were invited from local housing authorities or those working in partnerships. The fund available nationally to local housing authorities was £10million for 2014-15 to 2015-16 and each authority could bid for up to £100,000.
- 1.3 The purpose of the funding is to help housing authorities strengthen refuge services provision across England to keep victims of domestic abuse safe.
- 1.4 Women's Aid England, in support of local Women's Aid refuges, commissioned consultants to support bid writing with individual refuges, each of which would require local housing authority support

- 1.5 Within Nottinghamshire steps were taken by the Safer Nottinghamshire Board Domestic Violence Champion to bring together the seven district housing authorities and the current refuge service providers to agree a consortium bid for Nottinghamshire. Gedling Borough Council submitted the bid on behalf of the consortium and was named as the lead authority.
- 1.6 In early March 2015 DCLG announced the award of funding across England, and the Nottinghamshire consortium bid was awarded the full amount applied for, £680,560. The funding would be paid direct to Gedling Borough Council for distribution in line with the application.
- 1.7 The award is made to the local housing authorities as a Section 31 Grant Determination (Appendix A), each of the seven authorities in Nottinghamshire having an equal share of the award, £97,222 per authority.
- 1.8 Gedling Borough Council's Constitution requires that arrangements are put in place for dispersal of the funding award to partner organisations. This requirement can be found under External Arrangements, Partnerships in the Constitution, (Page 183 – 188).

2 Proposal

- 2.1 It is proposed that there is approval for an addition to the budget of £97,222. Is included in the Council's budget.
- 2.2 It is proposed that Gedling, as the lead authority, put an agreement in place between the six other local housing authorities in Nottinghamshire and Gedling to distribute the award to the service providers / receiving organisations in line with the approved bid.
- 2.3 It is proposed that agreements are put in place between the service providers / receiving organisations and Gedling detailing the agreed outputs and outcomes, performance monitoring framework, payment schedule and claw-back arrangements.
- 2.4 That Gedling Borough Council provides updates to DCLG and also chairs regular meetings to monitor both spend and performance.

3 Alternative Options

- 3.1 The alternative is not to accept the funding award. This is not recommended as this funding has been awarded to support vulnerable adults and families across Nottinghamshire and England.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 Gedling Borough Council as lead authority for the bid will receive the award in two payments, £211,061 on 30th March 2015 and £469,499 in May 2015.

4.2 An addition to the council budget is required as Gedling Borough Council will receive 1/7th of the total award for the seven local housing authorities in Nottinghamshire. This equates to £97,222.

4.3 Gedling Borough Council will distribute the funding on behalf of the local housing authorities in Nottinghamshire to the service providers / receiving organisations subject to signed agreement with the local housing authorities. The distribution profile is shown in the table below.

	Mar-15		May-15		Total
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	Revenue	Capital	Revenue	Capital	
Newark Women's Aid	30347	0	69653	0	100000
Midlands Women's Aid	29700	0	70300	0	100000
Nottinghamshire Women's Aid (Mansfield)	30000	0	70000	0	100000
Nottinghamshire Women's Aid (Bassetlaw)	28205	0	71795	0	100000
Women's Aid Integrated Services	0	0	47560	0	47560
Ashfield District Council	0	33000	0	0	33000
Resettlement Fund	30000	0	70000	0	100000
Newark Women's Aid	0	0	50000	0	50000
Midlands Women's Aid	0	0	50000	0	50000
	148252	33000	499308	0	680560

4.5 The Section 31 grant is not ring fenced award and funding can therefore be moved

between financial years in order to deliver the outputs and outcomes in line with the bid.

- 4.6 A multi-agency steering group has been established to monitor performance outputs and outcomes and spend in line with the bid. The steering group will have responsibility for identification of any claw-back for non-delivery and make recommendations for reallocation in line with the purpose of the award.
- 4.7 The net impact upon the Council's budget will be zero.

5 Appendices

Appendix A - Section 31 Grant Determination Letter

Appendix B – Bidding Prospectus

6 Background Papers

None identified.

7 Recommendation(s)

- a) To approve the addition to the budget as detailed.
- b) To approve the establishment of agreements between Gedling Borough Council and Nottinghamshire local housing authorities covering both their authorisation to hold and distribute the funding and to enter into Service Level Agreements with the providers.

8 Reasons for Recommendations

To use the funding to enhance the services provided to the victims' of domestic abuse in the County.

Appendix A - Section 31 Grant Determination Letter



Department for
Communities and
Local Government

Mr Peter Murdock
Gedling BC,
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Arnot Hill Park,
Arnold,
Nottingham,
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Our Ref:
Your Ref:

March 2015

Dear Peter

STRENGTHENING ACCOMMODATION BASED SPECIALIST DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE PROVISION DETERMINATION (2014-15) [No. 31/2506]

You will recall that toward the end of 2014, the Department issued a bidding prospectus offering funding for up to two years to successful authorities and their partners for the purpose of strengthening accommodation based specialist domestic abuse service provision in England.

I am pleased to be able to confirm that your bid was successful and that we are now ready to proceed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for participating in this programme. It would be helpful if you could pass this information on to the partners you identified in your application for grant.

I enclose a Determination made under section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, for the purpose of providing grant support to councils in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them for the purpose of strengthening accommodation based specialist domestic abuse service provision in England.

Payment of grant will be made by the Department in two instalments: the first will be made in March 2015 and the second in May 2015.

In line with the bidding prospectus, and as detailed in the individual bids submitted, local authorities and their partners are committing to improving and increasing accommodation based specialist domestic abuse service provision.

Yours sincerely

Kemi Alafat

TERRIE ALAFAT CBE
Director of Housing

**STRENGTHENING ACCOMMODATION BASED SPECIALIST DOMESTIC
ABUSE SERVICE PROVISION DETERMINATION (2014-15) [No. 31/2506]**

The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Housing (“the Minister”) in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003 hereby makes the following determination:-

Citation

- 1) This determination may be cited as the Strengthening Accommodation Based Specialist Abuse Service Provision Determination (2014-15) [No. 31/2506].

Purpose of the grant

- 2) The purpose of the grant is to provide support to local authorities in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them.

Determination

- 3) The Minister determines as the authorities to which grant is to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid as set out in Annex A of this determination.

Treasury consent

- 4) Before making this determination in relation to local authorities in England, the Minister obtained the consent of the Treasury

Signed by authority of the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Housing.



Terrie Alafat CBE
Director of Housing
Department for Communities and Local Government

March 2015

Annex A

STRENGTHENING ACCOMMODATION BASED SPECIALIST DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE PROVISION DETERMINATION (2014/15) [No. 31/2506]

Lead LHA	Bid Amount	2014-15	2015-16 (indicative)
Barnet	£100,000	£30,000	£70,000
Birmingham	£100,000	£30,000	£70,000
Blackburn with Darwen BC	£94,840	£28,452	£66,388
Boston* Lincoln, East Lindsay, North Kesteven, South Holland, West Lindsay, South Kesteven	£430,525	£129,158	£301,367
Bradford	£100,000	£50,000	£50,000
Brighton & Hove City Council	£100,000	£29,651	£70,349
Bristol City C	£100,000	£40,000	£60,000
Cambridge City C	£96,821	£27,000	£69,821
Cheshire East UA	£100,000	£18,000	£82,000
Cheshire West & Chester Council	£100,000	£25,000	£75,000
City of York*, Harrogate, North Yorkshire	£159,064	£50,836	£108,228
Colchester*, Tendring	£100,000	£35,000	£65,000
Cornwall	£101,830	£30,550	£71,280
Coventry City C	£93,000	£27,900	£65,100
Derby City Council	£63,688	£9,042	£54,646
Derbyshire CC*, Amber Valley, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Derbyshire Dales, Erewash, NE Derbyshire, South Derbyshire	£602,282	£180,685	£421,597
Durham County Council*, Darlington, Northumberland, Redcar & Cleveland	£329,982	£98,995	£230,987
Fenland*, Cambridgeshire	£100,000	£30,202	£69,798
Forest of Dean*, Tewkesbury, Gloucester City, Cheltenham, Cotswold	£500,000	£150,000	£350,000
Gedling*, Nottinghamshire, Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Broxtowe, Mansfield, Newark, Sherwood, Rushcliffe	£680,560	£211,061	£469,499
Hart*, Basingstoke & Deane, East Hampshire, Havant, Eastleigh, Fareham, Gosport, Rushmoor, Test Valley, New Forest, Winchester	£905,000	£271,500	£633,500

Hartlepool	£48,100	£9,240	£38,860
High Peak Borough Council	£100,000	£11,011	£88,989
Lead LHA	Bid Amount	2014-15	2015-16 (indicative)
Hull	£68,089	£20,427	£47,662
Huntingdon*, Cambridgeshire	£95,735	£28,721	£67,014
Knowsley	£100,000	£30,000	£70,000
Lancashire*, Hyndburn, Rossendale, Ribble Valley, Burnley, Pendle, Preston, Chorley, South Ribble, West Lancashire, Fylde, Lancaster	£751,580	£225,474	£526,106
LB Bromley	£86,570	£25,960	£60,610
LB Greenwich	£55,388	£5,644	£49,744
LB Islington	£100,000	£30,000	£70,000
LB Lambeth	£70,000	£5,239	£64,761
Liverpool	£98,483	£29,545	£68,938
Luton Borough Council	£100,000	£29,000	£71,000
Merton	£102,744	£30,823	£71,921
Middlesbrough	£99,863	£29,959	£69,904
Milton Keynes	£100,000	£30,000	£70,000
Newcastle	£100,000	£30,000	£70,000
Newham	£91,319	£27,396	£63,923
North Devon*, Torridge	£199,986	£60,000	£139,986
North Lincolnshire	£28,350	£800	£27,550
North Tyneside	£61,350	£10,710	£50,640
Northampton*, Wellingborough, Corby, Daventry, East Northants, Kettering, South Northants, Northamptonshire	£434,276	£130,283	£303,993
Poole Council	£23,500	£5,500	£18,000
Sandwell MBC	£99,740	£30,859	£68,881
Solihull	£86,464	£21,462	£65,002
South Lakeland District Council	£100,000	£30,000	£70,000
South Norfolk	£91,691	£45,549	£46,142
South Tyneside	£97,690	£29,307	£68,383

Southend Borough Council	£100,000	£30,000	£70,000
St Helens Council	£90,652	£7,002	£83,650
Stafford*, South Staffordshire, Cannock Chase	£116,946	£35,084	£81,862
Staffordshire Moorlands*, Newcastle under Lyme, Stoke on Trent	£163,809	£49,143	£114,666
Lead LHA	Bid Amount	2014-15	2015-16 (indicative)
Stockton BC	£61,350	£10,710	£50,640
Stratford-on-Avon*, Warwickshire	£41,482	£9,573	£31,909
Stroud*, Cotswold, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Forest of Dean, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire	£100,000	£30,000	£70,000
Sunderland	£54,908	£33,287	£21,621
Taunton Deane*, South Somerset, Mendip, Sedgemoor	£197,300	£98,700	£98,600
Waveney DC	£89,691	£49,549	£40,142
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council	£98,250	£33,000	£65,250
West Berkshire Council	£97,141	£19,429	£77,712
West Suffolk*, Forest Heath, St Edmundsbury, Suffolk.	£235,176	£67,149	£168,027
Worcester City Council*, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, Wychavon, Wyre Forest, Redditch, Malvern Hills	£160,000	£48,000	£112,000
Worthing BC	£45,680	£13,704	£31,976
Totals	£10,000,895	£3,000,271	£7,000,624

* = Where a joint bid has been made, this authority will receive payment.

Appendix B – Bidding Prospectus

https://www.gov.uk/.../141125_Bidding_prospectus_refuge_funding.pdf