

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET

30 JANUARY 2018

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OPERATIONAL AND PARTNERSHIP SERVICES

COMMISSIONING AND AWARD OF CONTRACTS IN RESPECT OF THE SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME

1. Purpose of Report.

The purpose of the report is to: –

- a) Seek approval to enter into a pilot contract for 12 months with an option to extend for a further 12 months for a Perpetrator Programme to complement our existing Integrated Domestic Abuse Service
- b) On the basis that such approval is granted –
 - o Suspend part of the Council's Contract Procure Rule (CPRs) in respect of a pilot contract for Perpetrator Programme in relation to the requirements to tender a service.
 - o Authorise the Corporate Director Operational & Partnership Services to enter into a 12 month pilot contract with an option to extend for a further 12 months for Perpetrator Programme.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities

2.1 The short term contract named above supports the delivery of Corporate Priorities of :

Supporting a successful economy
Smarter use of Resources
Helping people to be more self-reliant

3. Background.

- 3.1 Supporting People commissioned a 5 year contract from Calan DVS on the 1st May 2015 for an Integrated Domestic Abuse Service. This service provides support to reduce harm from violence and abuse. It also supports elements of the Adverse Childhood Experience agenda with domestic abuse and sexual violence being cited as a precursor for mental health and substance misuse intervention.
- 3.2 The existing domestic abuse contract does not address perpetrators abusive behavior or attempt to prevent or reduce domestic abuse from occurring by providing the perpetrator with an opportunity to change behavior. There is a clear service gap which has been identified by key stakeholders in relation to working with perpetrators with the view to try and address domestic abuse and reduce repeat perpetration.

4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 An opportunity has arisen to develop a pilot service which will run alongside the existing provision to work with male perpetrators. The Perpetrator intervention programme will deliver a holistic approach to service delivery with the commitment of eradicating violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence, supporting the prevention, protection and support agenda through the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015, and Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) 2014.
- 4.2 The proposed service is a 32 week programme which is intended to firstly keep women and children safe. It also intends to hold perpetrators accountable and raise their awareness of abusive behaviour and gender inequality. The programme holistically offers a whole family approach in service delivery. The service will provide a perpetrator intervention that is Respect accredited.
- 4.3 Given the specialist nature of the service there is a need for a holistic and expert approach to service delivery by one provider, which incorporates a whole family approach to allow the provider to work with perpetrators and family in a safe way. It is therefore proposed that the service is provided by Calan DVS in order to achieve this holistic approach.
- 4.4 The Integrated Domestic Abuse contract is due to expire 30th April 2020; a comprehensive strategic and operational review will take place towards the end of the 12 month pilot. If the review identifies the pilot is a success and funding is available, there is an option to continue for a further 12 months, which will inform service requirements in readiness for a future commissioning exercise.
- 4.5 In order to implement the pilot as soon as possible it is proposed that Cabinet suspend the relevant parts of the Council's CPRs in respect of the requirements to tender and enter into a pilot contract for 12 months with an option to extend for a further 12 months for the Perpetrator Programme listed in Appendix 1 of this report. At that time a process will be undertaken in accordance with the Council's CPR rules as to the issuing of new tenders and the provision of the service moving forward. Appendix 1 of the report provides information on the service type, the contracted provider and the short term value of the Pilot Contract.
- 4.6 Cabinet needs to be aware that, in awarding these short-term contracts to the current provider listed in the Appendix 1, the Council is exposed to the risk of potential challenge from other providers of such services. The Council will be failing to comply with our own Contract Procedure Rules if it adopts the course of action specified in paragraph 4.5 of this report.
- 4.7 There are difficulties in the commissioning of these services due to the unknown future funding of such Contracts under Welsh Government funding Programmes. The proposed length of this contract is relatively short term and has a low value. This risk needs to be weighed against the need to provide a preventative service to prevent or reduce domestic abuse, sexual violence and risk of serious harm or homicide from occurring.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.

5.1 This report is requesting a suspension of the Council's Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs), but no amendment to the CPRs is being sought.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 The impact of this service not being provided is a detrimental impact on victims of domestic abuse which predominantly affect women as victims along with their children.

7. Financial Implications.

7.1 All services funded via these contract arrangements are funded by Welsh Government Grant. As mentioned earlier, Welsh Government has confirmed funding levels in respect of 2018-2019.

8. Recommendation.

8.1 Cabinet is recommended to: –

- (a) Suspend the relevant parts of the Council's CPRs in respect of the requirements to tender and enter into a pilot contract for 12 months with an option to extend for a further 12 months for the Perpetrator Programme listed in Appendix 1 of this report
- (b) Authorise the Corporate Director Operational & Partnership Services to enter into a 12 month pilot contract with an option to extend for a further 12 months for Perpetrator Programme

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Background documents – None

Appendix 1 Contract details

Supporting People

Service Type	Contracted Provider	Short Term annual Contract Value	Contract Length
12 month pilot for a perpetrator programme	Calan	£120,173.90	12 month
12 month extension	Calan	£120,000	12 month