

Delegated Decision Notice (DDN)

This form is the written record of a key, significant operational or administrative decision taken by an officer.

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| Decision type | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Key Decision | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Operational Decision | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Decision |
| Approximate value | <input type="checkbox"/> Below £500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £500,000 to £1,000,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> over £1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> below £25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £25,000 to £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £100,000 to £500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Over £500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> below £25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £25,000 to £100,000 |
| Director¹ | Director of Communities, Housing and Environment | | |
| Contact person: | Alison Ferguson | | Alison.ferguson@leeds.gov.uk |
| Subject²: | Support to victim-survivors of domestic abuse living in safe accommodation: MHCLG funding | | |
| Decision details³: | <p>All recommendations relate to the financial year 1st April 2021 - 31st March 2022.</p> <p>The Director of Communities, Housing and Environment:</p> <p>a) Approved an allocation of £359,019 to Leeds Domestic Violence Service (via Leeds Women's Aid as the lead agency) to provide additional support through the existing commissioned emergency accommodation service. This will be done as a variation to contract 9Y9N-Z2LOII - DN194503 under the provision of Public Procurement Regulations 2015- Regulation 72 (c).</p> <p>b) Approved an allocation of £227,221 as a grant to Leeds Womens Aid to provide additional support to clients living in the non-commissioned Leeds Women's Aid refuge and the additional dispersed properties that were previously funded through emergency covid funding.</p> <p>c) Approved an allocation of £290,029 as a grant to Leeds Women's Aid to develop, manage and fund a new Sanctuary Support Team.</p> <p>d) Approved an allocation of up to £50,000 as a grant to St Anne's Community Services to provide domestic violence support to clients being supported through their accommodation based housing support services.</p> <p>e) Approved an allocation of £82,730 to Turning Lives Around to provide</p> | | |

¹ Give title of Director with delegated responsibility for function to which decision relates.

² If the decision is key and has appeared on the list of forthcoming key decisions, the title of the decision should be the same as that used in the list

³ Simply refer to supporting report where used as these matters have been set out in detail.

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| | <p>domestic violence support to clients living in their commissioned accommodation based service (Beacon). This will be done as a variation to contract DN199026 under the provision of Public Procurement Regulations 2015- Regulation 72 (5) and (6).</p> <p>f) Approved an allocation of £207,980 to Gipsil to provide domestic violence support to clients being supported through their young people’s service (Our Way Leeds). This will be done as a variation to contract DN421340 under the provision of Public Procurement Regulations 2015- Regulation 72 (5) and (6).</p> <p>g) Approved an allocation of £43,999 to Basis Yorkshire to provide domestic violence support to clients being supported through their Housing First model. This will be done as a variation to contract DN415655 under the provision of Public Procurement Regulations 2015- Regulation 72 (5) and (6).</p> <p>h) Approved the allocation of £200,000 to Leeds City Council (Safer Leeds and Leeds Housing Options (LHO) to fund the staff resource required to undertake the administrative burden of the new Statutory Duty and to increase and develop the domestic violence and abuse specialism within the LHO team.</p> <p>i) Gave approval to allocate the remaining funding relating to this decision (£385,145) via Significant Operational Decisions or Administrative Decisions as appropriate.</p> |
| | <p>A brief statement of the reasons for the decision (Include any significant financial, procurement, legal or equalities implications, having consulted with Finance, PACS, Legal, HR and Equality colleagues as appropriate)</p> <p>The decision has been made to ensure that Leeds City Council is meeting the new statutory duty of ensuring that all victim-survivors of domestic violence and abuse who are living in safe accommodation (as defined by Government guidance) are provided with ongoing support.</p> |
| | <p>Brief details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the decision maker at the time of making the decision</p> <p>The option of all new posts being recruited by Leeds Domestic Violence Service and seconded to partner organisations was considered, but all parties agreed that the option of recruiting directly was preferable. This will result in longer-term benefits by increasing the knowledge and skills within the accommodation-based housing support sector.</p> |
| <p>Affected wards:</p> | <p>City-wide</p> |


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| Details of consultation undertaken⁴: | Executive Member of Resources has been briefed and is chair of the Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board which was also consulted. | |
| | Ward Councillors – n/a | |
| | Others Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board Domestic Abuse Voice and Accountability Forum Victim-Survivors Providers of commissioned housing related support services | |
| Implementation | Officer accountable, and proposed timescales for implementation Alison Ferguson, Commissioning Manager; implementation will begin once the call-in period relating to this decision has expired. | |
| List of Forthcoming Key Decisions⁵ | Date Added to List:- 4 th May 2021 | |
| | If Special Urgency or General Exception a brief statement of the reason why it is impracticable to delay the decision | |
| | If Special Urgency Relevant Scrutiny Chair(s) approval Signature _____ Date _____ | |
| Publication of report⁶ | If not published for 5 clear working days prior to decision being taken the reason why not possible: | |
| | If published late relevant Executive member's approval Signature _____ Date _____ | |
| Call In | Is the decision available ⁷ for call-in? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

⁴ Include details of any interest disclosed by an elected Member on consultation and the date of any relevant dispensation given.

⁵ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 2.4 - 2.6. Complete this section for key decisions only

⁶ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 3.1. Complete this section for key decisions only

⁷ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 5.1. Significant operational decisions taken by officers are never available for call in. Key decisions are always available for call in unless they have been exempted from call in under rule 5.1.3.

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| | If exempt from call-in , the reason why call-in would prejudice the interests of the council or the public: | |
| Approval of Decision | Authorised decision maker ⁸ James Rogers, Director of Communities, Housing and Environment | |
| | Signature  | Date: 16/07/21 |

⁸ Give the post title and name of the officer with appropriate delegated authority to take the decision.