

Delegated Decision Notice (DDN)

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

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: Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) 2023-2025		
Decision details³:	<p>What decision has been taken?</p> <p>The Director of Communities, Housing and Environment approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Receipt of the grant allocation of £3,812,144 from DLUCH for the period 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2025 (£1,888,259 for 2023/24 and £1,923,885 for 2024/25) ii) In accordance with PCR Regulation 72(1)(c): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DN194503 (Lot 1): £839,788 to Leeds Women’s Aid for the Leeds Domestic Violence Service • DN194503 (Lot 2): £734,076 to Leeds Women’s Aid for the Leeds Domestic Violence Service • DN199026: £124,689 to Turning Lives Around for the Beacon Service iii) In accordance with PCR Regulations 72(1)(f) and Regulation 72(5): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DN421340: £344,182 to Gipsil Limited for the Our Way Leeds Service • DN415655: £87,274 to Basis Yorkshire iv) Grant allocations to the following organisations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to £490,020 to Leeds Women’s Aid to provide additional support to people living in the independent LWA refuge • Up to £510,874 to Leeds Women’s Aid to continue developing, managing and funding the Sanctuary Support Team which includes workers from a number of community based organisations • Up to £106,191 to St Anne’s Community Services to provide domestic abuse support to the people they support through their accommodation based housing services 		

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.

	<p>v) An allocation of £673,426 to Leeds City Council (Safer Stronger Communities and Leeds Housing Options (LHO)) to fund the staff resource required to undertake the administrative function of the Statutory Duty and to continue the specialist domestic abuse team within LHO</p> <p>vi) that the remaining funding relating to this decision will be allocated via Significant Operational or Administrative Decisions as appropriate</p>
	<p>A brief statement of the reasons for the decision</p> <p>The decision has been made to ensure that Leeds City Council is meeting the statutory duty of ensuring that all victim-survivors of domestic abuse who are living in safe accommodation (as defined by the Government guidance) are provided with ongoing support.</p> <p>The decision will allow the continuation and further development of the additional and enhanced support available to people experiencing domestic abuse which has been funded through previous DLUHC New Burdens grant funding.</p>
	<p>Brief details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the decision maker at the time of making the decision</p> <p>When the activity was originally developed the option of all 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>
<p>Details of consultation undertaken⁴:</p>	<p>Executive Member of Resources has been briefed and is chair of the Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board.</p> <p>Ward Councillors n/a</p> <p>Chief Digital and Information Officer⁵ n/a</p> <p>Chief Asset Management and Regeneration Officer⁶ n/a</p> <p>Others</p> <p>Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board</p> <p>Domestic Abuse Voice and Accountability Forum</p>

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

⁵ See Officer Delegation Scheme (Executive Functions) CDIO must be consulted in relation to all matters relating to the Council's use of digital technology

⁶ See Officer Delegation Scheme (Executive Functions) CAMRO must be consulted in relation to all matters relating to the Council's land and buildings.

	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 Decisions⁷	Date Added to List:- 28 th February 2023	
	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 report⁸	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 ⁹ for call-in?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	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 ¹⁰ Director of Communities, Housing and Environment - James Rogers,	
	Signature 	Date 30/03/23

⁷ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 2.4 - 2.6. Complete this section for key decisions only

⁸ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 3.1. Complete this section for key decisions only

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ Give the post title and name of the officer with appropriate delegated authority to take the decision.