

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD (Non Key)

The following decision was taken on 16 March 2017 by the Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families.

Date notified to all members: Monday 20 March 2017

Officer Non-Key decisions are not subject to call-in.

1. **TITLE**

DCLG Domestic Abuse Fund - Funding to Help Support Victims of Domestic Abuse

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

(i) To approve the acceptance of £93,500 grant from the DCLG Domestic Abuse Fund for expenditure in accordance with the bid submitted; and

(ii) to approve expenditure, in consultation with the Director of Finance, of the £23,500 received for 2016/17 in accordance with the bid. Payment of £23,000 will be made to SARAS as grant and £500 spent on the development of proposals for the Sanctuary scheme.

3. **Reasons For Decision**

The grant from DCLG will allow the Council to both mitigate against future reductions in budgets, to test new approaches to support, and to enhance existing service provision to victims of domestic abuse.

4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

At bid stage officers considered:

a) Bidding with other sub-regional authorities. A cross boundary bid was the preferred option from DCLG but preliminary discussion with other sub-regional authorities indicated that 1) some of them were already bidding for separate bids; 2) there was little communality of intent on the areas of service to be targeted.

b) Not bidding due to timescales and capacity. However it was felt that additional investment would both mitigate against increased budget pressures and allow for SCC to test new approaches.

An option now would be to wait for DCLG to issue an offer letter and run the risk of not passing on the funding to SARAS and Action this financial year. At this stage we know who to give the funding to, what the sums to be passed on are to be spent on, and that they are in line with the estimated costs.

5. **Documents used in making decision:**

- (a) Officer Non-Key Decision Report
- (b) Offer Letter and Grant Determination

6.1 **Any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member who is consulted by the Officer when making the decision**

None

6.2 **Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service**

N/A

7. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Executive Director, Communities