

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER

Executive Decision Reference Number – DL08 25/25

Decision	
1	Title of decision: PEO/22053b - Lot 2: Community Domestic Abuse & Behaviour Change Service
2	Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Culture and Communications (Acting Leader): Councillor Jemima Laing
3	<p>Report author and contact details:</p> <p>Karlina Hall, Senior Commissioning Officer, Tel. 01752304415 Email karlina.hall@plymouth.gov.uk</p>
4	<p>Decision to be taken:</p> <p>I. To award the Community Domestic Abuse (DA) & Behaviour Change Service Contract Award to Forward Outcomes Partnerships Limited. The total contract value over 10 years is £8,037,404 (4 year initial period with 3 additional 2-year increments).</p>
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <p>1. A competitive flexible tender process has been undertaken in line with the Procurement Act 2023 and Plymouth City Council's Contract Standing Orders to recommission domestic abuse and behaviour change services.</p> <p>2. The Tenderer with the highest total score will be awarded the PEO/22053b - Lot 2: Community Domestic Abuse & Behaviour Change Service Contract.</p>
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>1. Do Nothing – allow the Plymouth Domestic Abuse Service (PDAS) and Behaviour Change (Ahimsa) contracts to end on 31 March 2026. This would lead to vulnerable adults and families with children who are survivors of domestic abuse having no support and not fulfil our statutory duty for safe accommodation to support survivors to remain in their homes (Sanctuary Scheme). It would also mean that there was no behaviour change support for high risk high harm perpetrators including specialist support for survivors and perpetrators for the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and Multi-Agency Tasking and Coordination (MATAC).</p> <p>2. Award a direct contract to the incumbent providers for an extended period of 4 years. This would not make the required changes needed to ensure that the service offers meet the needs of the survivors of domestic abuse and perpetrators into the future. In addition, in line with the Procurement Act 2023 a competitive tendering process needs to take place.</p>
7	<p>Financial implications and risks:</p> <p>Annual funding (unless otherwise stated) – Plymouth City Council (PCC) core funding (£455,297), Office of the Director of Public Health (ODPH) funding (£16,874), Officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner</p>

<p>(OPCC) funding (Yr1-2:£200,000) and Homelessness Prevention Grant (HPG) (Yr1: £283,904 and Yr2-4: £292,421).</p> <p>The OPCC grant funding is currently available until 2028, however with the OPCC ending in 2028 there may be a transition period ahead of this change so we will work with our OPCC commissioning colleagues to ensure that the signed OPCC Memorandum of Understanding for grant funding is fulfilled.</p>				
8	Legal Implications: <i>From the content given, this appears to have be a compliant procurement process and contract award.</i>			
9	Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice)	Yes	No	Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		in the case of capital projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of £3million in total
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1million annually
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the local authority.
	If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions	11 November 2025		
10	Please specify how this decision is linked to the Council's corporate plan/Plymouth Plan and/or the policy framework and/or the revenue/capital budget:	The services align to keeping children, adults and communities safe priority through focusing on prevention and early intervention and ensuring that children and young people and adults are protected.		
11	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	Climate impact is attached.		
Urgent decisions				
12a	Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?	Yes		(If yes, please contact Democratic Support (democraticssupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice)
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(If no, go to section 13a)
12b	Reason for urgency:			
12c	Scrutiny Chair Signature:		Date	
	Scrutiny Committee name:			

		Print Name:		
Consultation				
I3a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		No		(If no go to section 14)
I3b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care – Councillor Mary Aspinall		
		Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Libraries, Cemeteries & Crematoria - Councillor Sally Haydon		
I3c	Date Cabinet member consulted	10.11.25		
I4	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?	Yes		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
I5	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Gary Walbridge	
		Job title	Strategic Director of Adults, Health and Communities	
		Date consulted	06.11.25	
Sign-off				
I6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	JS52 25/26	
		Finance (mandatory)	OW.25.26.098	
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/4552(08)/RH/0511 25	
		Procurement (if applicable)	JS/AHC/802/ED/1125	
		Corporate property (decisions involving Council owned land or facilities) (if applicable)	N/A	
		Human Resources (if applicable)	N/A	
Appendices				
I7	Ref.	Title of appendix		
	A	Lot 2 Community DA & Behaviour Change Service Procurement Briefing Paper (Part I)		
	B	EIA DA & Behaviour Change Service		
	C	CIA DA & Behaviour Change Service FINAL		
Confidential/exempt information				
I8a		Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	No	If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II') briefing report and indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box in 18b below. (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)						
		Exemption Paragraph Number							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title: Lot 2 Community DA & Behaviour Change Service Decision Record (Part II).				x				
Background Papers									
19	Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are <u>unpublished</u> works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based. If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.								
Title of background paper(s)			Exemption Paragraph Number						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cabinet Member Signature									
20	I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, Corporate Plan or Budget. In taking this decision I have given due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act (2010) and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.								
Signature			Date of decision	9 December 2025					
Print Name	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Culture and Communications. (Acting Leader)								