

## OFFICER DECISION RECORD 1 FORM

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**Decision Reference No: AHWB.052.2019 Amber Project Sex Worker Support Service**

**BOX 1****DIRECTORATE: AHWB****DATE: 31 October 2019****Contact Name: Pat Hagan****Tel. No.: 01302 737609****Subject Matter: Better Care Fund - BCF- Amber Project Sex Worker Support Service****BOX 2****DECISION TAKEN**

To agree to £150,000 for the funding of the Amber Project Sex Worker Support Service, for 2 years, from the Non-Recurrent Better Care Fund (BCF) Earmarked Reserve allocation to the Place Plan.

£75,000 to fund Year 1 (2020-21), and £75,000 to underwrite funding for Year 2 (2021-22); Year 2 funding is subject to the ongoing work to develop a jointly commissioned sustainable funding model for Complex Lives which should be ready for 2020.

**BOX 3****REASON FOR THE DECISION**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018, Cabinet delegated to the Director of People, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and the relevant Portfolio Holder detailed spending decisions for implementation of the Doncaster Place Plan £3m, other integrated function £0.7m and unallocated balance £0.7m. This was revised on 19th August 2019 to the Director of Adults to approve in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and relevant Portfolio Holder. The Director of Adults to consult with Director of Children's Services if relevant to their portfolio.

The Amber Service is an integral part of the Complex Lives outreach and case management team, supporting vulnerable women. This investment delivers impact in reducing demand pressures elsewhere in the system.

The current contract ends on 31st March 2020. In order to attract sufficient interest and competitive bids for the contract, the recommendation is that it is advertised for 2 years.

The Complex Lives approach is funded by BCF, Government grants and partner contributions. Funding for Complex Lives Phase 2 has already been agreed from the BCF Non Recurrent Earmarked Reserve (£281k for 12 months 2019-20) and underwritten for 2020/21. A sustainable model is currently being developed for the Complex Lives Alliance which should be finalised in 2020.

#### **BOX 4**

##### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

This service is part of the Complex Lives model.

Options considered and rejected are:-

- i) Tender the Amber Project for one year. This was rejected as it would not attract sufficient interest/economies of scale/competitive bids.
- ii) Resource the service through re-direction of existing resources. This is not feasible at this stage, but a sustainable model for the Complex Lives model is being developed for the Complex Lives Alliance which should be finalised in 2020. This request for funding will align with the Complex Lives Phase 2 funding.

#### **BOX 5**

##### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Care Act 2014 places a number of duties upon local authorities to promote an individual's wellbeing, ensuring that care and support provision is integrated together with other health provision.

Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 allows the Council to do anything that an individual may do.

Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 gives the Council the power to purchase goods and services.

The procurement of a new Provider for the Amber Project must be undertaken in accordance with the Council's contract procedure rules.

Legal Services should be consulted at the earliest opportunity to provide the contractual documentation.

**Name: Paula Coleman**

**Signature:**

**By e-mail**

**Date: 1/11/ 2019**

Signature of Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services (or representative)

**BOX 6****FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Cabinet approved to delegate detailed spending decisions for the unallocated balance of non-recurring BCF earmarked reserve to the Director of People in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and relevant Portfolio Holder on the 27th March 2018. This was revised on 19th August 2019 to the Director of Adults to approve in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and relevant Portfolio Holder. The Director of Adults to consult with Director of Children's Services if relevant to their portfolio.

A business case was presented to JCOG on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019 requesting £150k to cover the periods 01/04/20 – 31/03/22 for the Amber Project. This scheme is linked to the current work on Complex Lives, also funded from BCF Earmarked Reserve. JCOG agreed to support the scheme for the 1<sup>st</sup> year (£75k) and underwrite the 2<sup>nd</sup> year pending the outcome of the ongoing work to develop a jointly commissioned sustainable funding model for Complex Lives.

Due to timescales, virtual agreement has been sought and approved by JCMB.

**Name: Helen Rowlands Signature: E-mailed Date: 07/11/19**

Signature of Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director of Finance (or representative)

**BOX 7****OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

Signature of Assistant Director (or representative)

**ANY IMPLICATIONS SENT TO DEPARTMENTS SHOULD GENERALLY BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST 5 WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE TO ENSURE THESE CAN BE GIVEN THE RELEVANT CONSIDERATION.**

**BOX 8****EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:** (To be completed by the author).

The work of the Complex Lives Alliance is supporting some of the most vulnerable, disconnected and disenfranchised people in Doncaster. This is a group of people who experience multiple disadvantage and who have in many cases experienced adverse childhood experiences and trauma. This proposal provides bespoke consolidated support for vulnerable women.

**BOX 9****RISK IMPLICATIONS:** (To be completed by the author)

The key risk in not delivering the enhancements relate to:-

- Loss of expertise and trusted relationships with the current provider
- A lack of capacity to maintain and continue momentum of the new delivery model
- Barrier to ability to shift focus to prevention and personal progression for individuals
- Inability to provide bespoke options for vulnerable women
- Reduced support to access mainstream service provision

**BOX 10****CONSULTATION**

The members of the Complex Lives Alliance have been engaged in discussions about next stage developments. The Complex Lives team and user feedback have also been influential in shaping the proposals.

**BOX 11****INFORMATION NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, it is in the Public's interests for this decision to be published in full, redacting only the signatures.

**Name: Gillian Parker    Date: 07/11/2019    Signature: by email**

Signature of FOI Lead Officer for service area where ODR originates

**BOX 12****BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Please confirm if any Background Papers are included with this ODR /NO

(If YES please list and submit these with this form)

**BOX 13  
AUTHORISATION**

Name: \_Phil Holmes\_ Signature :  Date: 19/11/2019

Director of Adults Health & Wellbeing

**Does this decision require authorisation by the Chief Financial Officer or other Officer**


**YES/NO**

**If yes please authorise below:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Director/Assistant Director of \_\_\_\_\_

**Consultation with Relevant Member(s)**

Name: Cllr Rachael Blake Signature:  Date: 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Designation Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

(e.g. Mayor, Cabinet Member or Committee Chair/Vice-Chair)

Declaration of Interest **YES/NO**

**If YES please give details below:**

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