

Delegated Officer Report

Decision Maker:	Harry Catherall – Chief Executive
Date of Decision:	3 December 2021
Subject:	Domestic Abuse perpetrator project and a young people’s prevention and support project
Report Author:	Bruce Penhale, Assistant Director Early Help
Ward (s):	N/A

Reason for the decision: The purpose of the report is to agree to take forward and implement a domestic abuse perpetrator programme, and a young people’s prevention and support project. Both of these projects will be delivered by Talk Listen Change as an increase in their Greater Manchester wide offer.

Summary: In August 2021 the Home Office announced new funding streams to increase work with perpetrators of domestic abuse and to support young people. Oldham’s bid was successful, and funding was granted for the two projects; one to deliver a perpetrator programme, and two, to deliver a prevention and support project for young people.

The funding comes in two grants via the Greater Manchester Combined Authority. This work will be delivered by Talk Listen Change as set out in the grant agreements from GMCA for a period of 1 year.

The terms of the Home Office funding set out the requirement for Oldham to commit matched resource of 50% of the total bid, which was agreed by the Partnership.

The report seeks approval to use the funding available to implement the projects as set out in the grant agreement.

What are the alternative option(s) to be considered? Please give the reason(s) for recommendation(s):

Option A Do not implement the projects

There is currently no provision for perpetrators of abuse in Oldham and this has been raised at the

Community Safety Partnership and the Domestic Abuse Partnership as a gap.

The Domestic Abuse needs assessment highlights the requirement for additional provision for children and young people who witness or are beginning to perpetrate abuse; the Domestic Abuse Strategy sets out the priority to support children and young people who experience domestic abuse.

The funding is provided for the two projects in line with the terms of the grant agreement between the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and Oldham Council (appendix 1 and 2) not delivering these projects would require the funding to be returned.

Option B Implement the Talk Listen Change projects as set out in the grant agreements

Consultation: including any conflict of interest declared by relevant Cabinet Member consulted.

The bid for funding was submitted through the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, following consultation with the Domestic Abuse Partnership, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and the Strategic Director of Communities and Reform as the strategic lead for domestic abuse.

Recommendation(s):

Option B Implement the Talk Listen Change projects

Implications:

*What are the **financial** implications?*

The recommended option is to implement the Talk Listen Change projects for which the following specific grants have been secured through the GMCA, the total funding received is therefore £187,000:

- Perpetrator programmes £100,000
- Young People's Prevention work £87,000

Both grants require 50% matched funding from the Council, the amounts totalling £93,500 are as follows:

- Perpetrator programmes £50,000
- Young People's Prevention work £43,500

The required Council investment is incorporated within the wider spending plan for work on domestic abuse

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*What are the **legal** implications?*

None (A Evans)

What are the **procurement** implications? There are no Procurement implications as this report concerns grant funding, However, as always when paying out monies to external organisation, we should ensure an open and fair process has been followed that will comply with any scrutiny and are in line with the specific grant funding conditions.

What are the **Human Resources** implications? Not applicable

Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment attached or not required because (please give reason) These two projects will deliver the aims and outcomes that have been agreed by the Domestic Abuse Partnership and set out in the Domestic Abuse Strategy. The strategy demonstrates how the partnership will deliver equality to those with protected characteristics. Initial Equality Impact Assessment has not identified any adverse impact for any groups with protected characteristics.

What are the **property** implications n/a

Risks: n/a
Co-operative agenda The project involves work with individuals who have previously been perpetrators of domestic abuse, and are willing to work with services to change their behaviour.

Has the relevant Legal Officer confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution? Yes

Has the relevant Finance Officer confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget? Yes

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council? No

Reason(s) for exemption from publication:

List of Background Papers under Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972:

There are no background papers to this report

Report Author Sign-off:	
Bruce Penhale	Assistant Director Early Help
Date:	

In consultation with Harry Catherall – Chief Executive

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Signed :

Date: 16 December 2021