Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
DATE RECEIVED:*	18.08.21
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2021.084

TITLE:	Q2 Spend from the Violence Reduction Unit Budget

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This decision form seeks approval for the following spend from the VRU budget:

- £41,966.96 - for continued funding of the core custody provision
- £233,446 - to enable additional custody provision as a result of funds being received from the Home Office Serious Violence Intervention fund
- £20,544 - staffing provision for the development of the Trauma Informed Strategy
- £8,012 - staffing provision to support the development and implementation of the Incubation Hub
- £6,400 - to fund restorative resilience supervision and support to community based organisations
- £11,376 - to fund engagement with girls and young women to understand experiences of serious violence

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (eg report or business case)

Custody provision – contract extension (£41,966.96)
The VRU wish to extend the Inspire and Achieve Foundation's (IAF) current contract to enable continuation of the 'U Turn' custody provision in the City and County.

Although not allowed not in the original contract, this extension of the contract would be covered by Regulation 72 b & c of the Public Contract Regulations 2015, which gives provision *"for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor that have become necessary and were not included in the initial procurement… provided that any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract.*[1]"

The need for modification has been brought about by circumstances which the contracting authority could not have foreseen, including;

- the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and delayed confirmation of the OPCC election in May 2021
- the May 2021 OPCC election, the outcome of which could not be determined
- reduced capacity in procurement provision due to the contract with the current procurement services provider coming to an end in October 2021

[1] Guidance on Amendments to Contracts - Oct 16.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk)

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- additional funding for custody provision having been awarded by the Home Office in August 2021, which was delayed by 2 months. This additional Home Office funding has been provided on the basis that it would enable additional provision to that already being delivered, as opposed to funding new activity i.e. it is reliant on the continuation of the core provision provided by IAF

Custody provision – additional funding (£233,446)
Funding for additional provision comes as a result of a successful bid to the Home Office's Serious Violence Intervention fund. The project builds upon the success of the existing 'U-Turn' project and increases the numbers of young people accessing interventions at teachable moments.

£233,446 will be granted to the following organisations:

- IAF have been allocated £181,749 of this grant fund to provide additional diversionary provision, employability provision, housing support, health provision and training
- Norman Galloway Homes (NGH) have been allocated £51,697 to deliver the DWP KickStart programme scheme for eligible participants (NGH is a KickStart Gateway), and replicating the wage subsidy/ KickStart scheme for those 16 and 17 year olds who are in care and not eligible for KickStart

On the advice of EMPLS, the additional funding will be provided via a Grant Agreement to each of the above organisations.A single tender award is proposed for both Grants on the basis that the organisations named were co-authors of the bid to the Home Office and funding was granted on the basis that it builds on existing provision delivered by IAF, which has shown promising practice to date.

Staffing provision (£28,556)
A contract will be awarded to Nottingham City Council for the funding of staffing for the following until the end of March 2022:

- Specialist provision for the development of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Trauma Informed Strategy (£20,544)
- Specialist provision to support the development and implementation of the Incubation Hub, a capability and capacity building programme for the voluntary and community sector (£8,012)

Restorative resilience supervision (£6,400)
A contract has been awarded to Nottingham Counselling Service following a competitive process up to the value of £6,400 to offer restorative resilience support to individuals working with families and young people affected by serious violence. The contract will end on 31st March 2022.

Engaging with girls and young women (£11,376)
A new research contract will be awarded to Equation for the provision of engagement with girls and young women to understand their experiences of serious violence and exploitation. The outcomes of this engagement will inform future commissioning by the VRU.

This contract will replace 2 previous contracts that were in place with Equation and Newcastle University. The Newcastle University contract has been terminated as they are no longer able to complete the work and the Equation contract ended on 31st July 2021 however due to unforeseen circumstances caused by the continued impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and associated restrictions, the research could not be completed within the original timeframe as it required face to face contact with the participants. The previous two contract were awarded following a competitiove process and this new contract will simply replace the previous two.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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Activity	Spend
Custody provision – contract extension	£41,966.96
Custody provision – additional funding	£233,446
Staffing provision	£28,556
Restorative resilience supervision	£6,400
Engaging with girls and young women	£11,376
Total	**£342,728**

Signature: Chief Finance Officer	[redacted]
Date:	19th August 2021

Is any of the supporting information classified as non-public or confidential information?**	Yes	☐	No	☒
If yes, please state under which category from the guidance**				

DECISION:

Approval of the allocation of VRU funding for the following:

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- £233,446 - to enable additional custody provision as a result of funds being received from the Home Office Serious Violence Intervention fund
- £20,544 - staffing provision for the development the Trauma Informed Strategy
- £8012 - staffing provision to support the development and implementation of the Incubation Hub
- £6400 - to fund restorative resilience supervision and support to community based organisations
- £11376 - to fund engagement with girls and young women to understand experiences of serious violence

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LEGAL SERVICES OPINION:	
I confirm that I have reviewed the proposed decision and can confirm that it supports the statutory functions of the Commissioner and is within her legal powers.	
Signature:	M Turner
Date:	19.8.21

DECLARATION:	
I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and I take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Any interests are indicated below: The above request has my approval	
Signature: Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner	
Date:	30 Sept 2021