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**MONDAY, 13 MARCH 2017**

## **TO: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES**

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR COMMUNITIES** WHICH WILL BE HELD IN **ROOM 72A - COUNTY HALL**, AT **10.00 AM**, ON **MONDAY, 20TH MARCH, 2017** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.

*Mark James* CBE

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**



PLEASE RECYCLE

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR COMMUNITIES

20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017

<b>Executive Board Member:</b>	<b>Portfolio:</b>
Cllr. Pam Palmer	Communities

### DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTATIVE PROGRAMME FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

To decide on contribution to the 'Safety, Trust and Respect' (STAR) programme to be rolled out in secondary schools across the county.

#### Recommendations / key decisions required:

1. Approval of a £6,750 contribution to the resource packs, costing £13,500, needed to deliver this programme. The Education and Children's Services Department will match fund this amount.

#### Reasons:

The purchase of the resource packs will enable the delivery of this prevention programme across Carmarthenshire.

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Kate Thomas	Community Safety Manager	01267 224202 khthomas@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):

None

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):

N/A

**DECISION MADE:**

**Signed:**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

**The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting**

Recommendation of Officer adopted	YES / NO
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted <b>subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:</b>	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was <b>not adopted:</b>	

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR COMMUNITIES**  
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**DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTATIVE PROGRAMME FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

Summary

Tackling domestic abuse and sexual violence is a priority for the Public Services Board's 'Fair and Safe Communities' group. A range of approaches are taken by partner organisations to address this crime including prevention, the provision of support and information and enforcement against perpetrators. The Safety, Trust and Respect programme (STAR) has been identified as a good preventative approach which would build upon work undertaken in secondary schools.

Overview of STAR

The aim is for all pupils within Carmarthenshire secondary schools to participate in the 8 week STAR programme. This is a preventative programme devised by Welsh Women's Aid and covers aspects such as domestic abuse and healthy relationships, sexting and sexual exploitation, pornography and sexual consent.

Training to deliver the programme would be required and is provided free of charge by Welsh Women's Aid. It is intended that this would be attended by two members of staff from each school/unit.

There is a pre and post questionnaire designed as part of the programme in order to evaluate its success.

Establishment and delivery of the programme

A co-ordinated approach to training, co-facilitation and awareness raising will be taken forward by the Education and Children's Services Department ensuring linkages with domestic abuse service providers and the Council's Youth Support Service. The latter already provide the programme in a targeted approach as required which will supplement this generic approach to delivery in all secondary schools.

Funding

Costs for the 15 secondary schools including special schools and Pupil Referral Units to receive a bilingual copy of each of the resource packs for 11-13 and 14-25 year olds is £13,500. The Education and Children's Services Department would fund 50% of the costs.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**NO**

# IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Wendy S Walters

Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration and Policy)

Policy and Crime & Disorder	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Organisational Development	Physical Assets
<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

## 1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Tackling violent crime continues to be a priority for the Community Safety Partnership and domestic abuse is considered to be a key area which needs to be addressed.

## 3. Finance

Funding for the contribution is available from the Council's community safety budget and the Education and Children's Services Department have confirmed their contribution.

# CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Wendy S Walters  
Policy)

Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration and

1. Scrutiny Committee N/A

2. Local Member(s) N/A

3. Community / Town Council N/A

4. Relevant Partners N/A

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information  
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

NONE

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20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017

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### DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES GRANT 2017/18 FROM WELSH GOVERNMENT

To decide on allocation of the funding to support strategic co-ordination, Independent Domestic Abuse Advisor (IDVA) provision and direct service commissioning.

#### Recommendations / key decisions required:

1. To note the Council's proposal to continue to fund the two currently funded projects. These are the Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator role and Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) service. Confirmation of the allocation is awaited and the delivery plan is based on the same level of funding continuing - £112,750.
2. Both services are currently provided by Hafan Cymru and it is proposed to continue with the current service provider for this year, prior to a regional commissioning approach being undertaken from 2018. This is the subject of an exception report which has been approved by the Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Administration and Law.

#### Reasons:

Both the current projects can be evidenced as providing good outcomes (as reported to Welsh Government).

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR COMMUNITIES

### 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017

#### DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES GRANT 2017/18 FROM WELSH GOVERNMENT

##### Summary

Welsh Government confirmed mid-December that 2017/18 is considered to be a further transitional year with funding continuing to be allocated to Local Authorities prior to a regional funding approach being introduced from April 2018. Welsh Government will be working with all Local Authorities, relevant Authorities and stakeholders to move to a regional funding and commissioning model.

Following the request from Welsh Government to submit a delivery plan to confirm how the Council wishes to allocate the funding which will be available again in 2017/18 on a Local Authority level, the Council has confirmed its proposed use of the Domestic Abuse Services Grant. This has been based on the assumption that the same level of funding will be received as in 2016/17 - £112,750, as advised by Welsh Government. This funding is to support strategic co-ordination, IDVA provision and direct service commissioning. Confirmation of the level of funding available will be confirmed following agreement of the Welsh Government Final Budget.

##### Proposal

The proposal is to continue to fund Hafan Cymru to provide the Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator's post (£34,516) and the IDVA service (2.2 FTE IDVAs £78,234) and this has been submitted to Welsh Government as a draft delivery plan in order to meet its deadline. Both the current projects can be evidenced as providing good outcomes.

The Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator provides a strategic co-ordinating service as required by Welsh Government. This is a strategic role in supporting the implementation and development of the Welsh Government's key priorities relating to the county.

The IDVA service provides short term support to the highest risk victims of domestic abuse with the focus of safety and reducing the risk.

During 2017/18, a mapping exercise and development of a regional Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence strategy will ensure an evidence based approach can be taken regarding future allocation of funding across the region.

It is therefore considered prudent to continue with the existing service delivery arrangements in the interim for a further year, provided by Hafan Cymru, prior to a regional approach.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**NO**

# IMPLICATIONS

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## 1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Tackling violent crime continues to be a priority for the Community Safety Partnership and domestic abuse is considered to be a key area which needs to be addressed. The continuation of the strategic role and dedicated IDVA service to deal with high risk victims are considered to be essential services

## 2. Legal

An exception is being considered to the Requirement of Competition – Contract Procedure Rules and Quotation Procedure Rules. It is requested that there is an extension to an interim arrangement with Hafan Cymru continuing to provide the services for one year until April 2017.

This is as a result of the change to regional funding and commissioning from April 2018. With the short timescales, the requirement to continue with the service provision and need to protect the staff concerned against redundancy in the interim, it is considered to be the most appropriate way forward.

## 5. Risk Management Issues

If the exception is not agreed and the services are subject to a procurement exercise, there is a risk that the postholders will be made redundant and service delivery affected.

# CONSULTATIONS

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**THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Domestic Abuse Services Grant 2017/18 letter from Welsh Government – request for delivery plan and confirmation of funding at Local Authority level		Available through Kate Thomas, Community Safety Manager

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# Agenda Item 4

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR COMMUNITIES

**TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2016**

**PRESENT: Councillor:** P.A. Palmer (Executive Board Member).

**The following officers were in attendance:**

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

R. Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager

**Room 61, County Hall, Carmarthen: 10.00 a.m. – 10.20 a.m.**

### **1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of personal interest.

### **2. DECISIONS RECORD - 12TH MAY 2016**

**RESOLVED** that the decision record of the meeting held on the 12th May 2016 be signed as a correct record.

### **3. REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT**

The Executive Board Member considered the following:

- A report on the covert surveillance activity undertaken by the authority in 2015/2016;
- A report by the Office of the Surveillance Commissioner following an inspection in April 2016;

It was noted that the Surveillance Commissioner's only recommendation related to RIPA training which was being addressed. His report also suggested certain changes to the Council's covert surveillance procedures and the Executive Board Member considered a revised document incorporating those changes.

With regard to the low level of surveillance activity it was proposed to cease quarterly reporting and instead inform the relevant EBM if an authorisation was granted together with an annual report summarising all such activity.

**RESOLVED** that the reports be noted and the proposed changes in the Council's Covert Surveillance Procedures be endorsed.

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER**

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