

Meeting **CABINET**

Date **27 July 2011**

agenda item number **12**

## REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSIONING

#### Purpose of Report

1. To seek Cabinet approval for an eight week public consultation on Domestic Violence Commissioning during August and September 2011. Following the 2011 Overview and Scrutiny Report on Domestic Violence and the Safer Nottinghamshire Board Domestic Violence Services Review 2010-11, the County Council is exploring ways to improve its commissioning arrangements for domestic violence services.

#### Background

2. The 2011 Overview and Scrutiny Report on Domestic Violence recommended that there should be:

*More integrated and coherent funding streams to reduce duplication and inefficiency. Future funding and commissioning of services is vital for this vulnerable group of victims.*

*Simplification of all County Council funding streams for both application and monitoring arrangements.*

*The efficiency and effectiveness of pooling budgets and implementing joint monitoring arrangements, needs to be explored.*

3. The Safer Nottinghamshire Board Domestic Violence Services Review 2010-11 also identified that commissioning and funding arrangements are inefficient and sometimes detrimental to service delivery.
4. Currently the Council is commissioning the following domestic violence services either solely or in partnership with other agencies:

DV Service	NCC Budget	2011-12	In partnership with
Women's Refuges	Adult Social Care	£358,174	

	and Health		
Women's Outreach / Floating support	Adult Social Care and Health	£280,116	
Children's outreach and support	Children, Families & Cultural Services	£50,951	Nottinghamshire PCT
Domestic Abuse Link Workers in Children's Social Care	Children, Families & Cultural Services	£75,000	
MARACs for High Risk victims	Community Safety	£120,000	Safer Nottinghamshire Board

5. Each budget has been commissioned separately in the past. The consultation will explore options for bringing commissioning together into a single process for all services in order to improve efficiency. It is imperative that any changes introduced maintain or improve service delivery, so the impact on services will be addressed in the consultation

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

6. The proposed public consultation will ask for views on a range of options for future commissioning from the key partner agencies working in the field of domestic violence including current service providers and service users.
7. An equality impact assessment will be included with the consultation to ensure the needs of all potential victims of domestic violence are taken into consideration.
8. The results of the consultation will be reported back to Cabinet in October 2011 with proposals to revise commissioning arrangements.

### **Crime & Disorder Implications**

9. The County Council, as a statutory partner under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, has a duty to work with partners in the police, the health service, fire authority district councils and voluntary sector to reduce the impact of crime and disorder.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

10. It is recommended that: Cabinet approves the proposal to conduct an eight week public consultation on the future commissioning of domestic violence services.

### **COUNCILLOR MICK MURPHY**

#### **Cabinet Member for Community Safety**

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### **Legal Services' Comments**

Cabinet has authority to approve the recommendation set out in this report.  
(LM 13.07.11)

**Comments of the Service Director – Finance**

There will be no financial implications of approving this report. (DD 13.07.11)

**Background Papers Available for Inspection**

None.

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All.