

**Bracknell Forest Council  
Record of Decision**

<b>Work Programme Reference</b>	<b>I107336</b>
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1. **TITLE:** Domestic Abuse Refuge and Outreach Services 2022 - Award Decision

2. **SERVICE AREA:** People

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To approve the DA Refuge and Outreach Service 2022 award decision

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive Member for Adult Services, Health and Housing

6. **DECISION:**

- i. That a contract for the Service, commencing on 1 September 2022 is awarded to Tenderer A, for an initial period of three years, with the option of two further two-year extensions to a maximum of seven years (3+2+2 years) subject to satisfactory performance.
- ii. That the additional expenditure of £25,213 by the Council required for this service is approved. The Strategic Procurement Plan for this service projected that the cost of this contract over 7 years would be “an estimated value of £650,000”. The successful bid was for £675,213 over 7 years (including uplifts) which is £25,213 over £650,000

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

1. To complete the procurement process for a provider of Domestic Abuse Refuge and Outreach Services.
2. The anticipated benefits delivered through awarding the contract to Tenderer
  - Ensuring continuing compliance with legislation and statutory duties
  - Providing sufficient capacity in line with the benchmark number of refuge places of one per 10,000 of the population, as advised by Women’s Aid nationally, as part of a wider range of housing options for those fleeing domestic abuse
  - Ensuring good quality and value for money domestic abuse services which focus on meeting the needs of domestic abuse victims and their children and achieving positive outcomes.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Do nothing: Current contractual obligations will lapse, there would be no adequate provision to meet our statutory duties and domestic abuse victims and their children’s access to refuge and outreach services would be reduced.

9. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Executive Director: People

10. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None

<b>Date Decision Made</b>	<b>Final Day of Call-in Period</b>
11 July 2022	19 July 2022