

and 2022/23, and a similar allocation has been confirmed for 2023/24 and 2024/5.

2.3. The proposed grant will enable activity, framed by the Whole Housing Approach, that will support the objectives of the Hampshire Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Strategy. This could include:

- Flexible Funding (direct payments to victims to support them to move away from domestic abuse).
- An increase in the number and accessibility of dispersed accommodation units as an alternative to refuge accommodation.
- Developing a Coordinated Community Response to address the needs of those under-served and under-represented populations (as identified in the Council's Domestic Abuse/Safe Accommodation Needs Assessment). This is a recognised approach adopted by the Hampshire Domestic Abuse Partnership Board which seeks to bring services together to ensure local systems keep victims/survivors safe, hold abusers to account and prevent domestic abuse.
- Improving responses to the management of perpetrators.

2.4. This grant fund is to enable delivery of the second phase of our safe accommodation objectives. It follows the grant fund offer to Tier 2 Authorities to achieve Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) Accreditation. The phase 1 fund was approved by the Executive Lead Member for a total of £226,470 in 2022/23

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. The other option considered was not to offer the grant allocations to Tier 2 authorities. This would result in national funding aligned to the Domestic Abuse Act (2021) not being available to Tier 2 authorities to improve accommodation options for victims/survivors of domestic abuse and was therefore rejected.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: N/A

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: N/A

7. Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:

Date:

Councillor Liz Fairhurst
Executive Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public
Health

28 March 2023