

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health
Date:	22 July 2022
Title:	Grants to Tier 2 Authorities utilising New Burdens Funding from Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC)
Report From:	Director of Public Health

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health approves the grant scheme offer to Tier 2 Authorities to support them to become DAHA accredited with up to a total value of £226,470 for 2022/23.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health delegates authority to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Executive Member, to approve the grant awards to individual Tier 2 Authorities for 2022/23.
- 1.3. That the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health delegates authority to the director of Public Health, in consultation with the Executive member, to approve continuation of the scheme and funding of grant awards for years 2023/24 and 2024/25, or ceasing of the scheme, taking into account funding received from DLUHC.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Part 4 of the new Domestic Abuse Act 2021 places a duty on Hampshire County Council to provide accommodation-based support to victims of domestic abuse and their children in refuges and other safe accommodation and to improve the types of safe accommodation accessible to adults and children experiencing domestic abuse.
- 2.2. The County Council has a duty under the Act to assess the need and demand for safe accommodation and accommodation-based support and to subsequently develop and publish strategies, giving effect to these strategies by making commissioning decisions.
- 2.3. The Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) improves the housing sector's response to domestic abuse through the introduction and adoption of an established set of standards and an accreditation process. Obtaining

accreditation enhances how housing providers interact with victim/survivors and strengthens the local area's coordinated community response to domestic abuse.

2.4. DAHA Accreditation is an intrinsic element of the Whole Housing Approach (WHA) which is part of The County Council's Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Strategy (2021-2023). Four Tier 2 Authorities so far have expressed an interest in becoming DAHA accredited.

2.5. By providing this grant scheme, The County Council will be contributing to the funding available to the Tier 2 authorities within the Domestic Abuse fund. Thereby enabling them to achieve DAHA accreditation, when it might not otherwise be possible.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. To not support Tier 2 authorities to become DAHA accredited through a grant scheme. However, without this support, Tier 2 authorities may not undertake accreditation, reducing the coordinated community response to domestic abuse and affecting the implementation of the County Council's Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Strategy.

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 Member for Adult Services and Public Health

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