

**THE OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR DERBYSHIRE**

DECISION RECORD

Request for PCC Decision	Received in OPCC Date: FEBRUARY 2020	OPCC Ref: 16/2020
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**HIGH RISK OFFENDERS ACCOMMODATION AND SUPPORT
PROJECT - ARBOR**

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This service is specifically for offenders who pose high risk of serious harm to the public and are all either sexual or violent offenders managed within the framework of the Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA).

Decision

To extend the service until March 2021

Declaration

I confirm that I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire. Any such

interests are recorded below.

None

The above request has my approval.

Signature

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Date FEBRUARY 2020

PUBLICATION SCHEME CONSIDERATIONS

Is the related Section B report to be published Yes

The report contains commercially sensitive information.

Is the publication of this approval to be deferred No

If Yes, provide reasons below

Date to be deferred to –

NB Statutory Instrument 2011/3050 (as amended by SI 2012/2479) states that: *all decisions made by a PCC are in the types of information that must “be published as soon as practicable after it becomes available to the elected local policing body”.*

OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive or Nominee:

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report.

I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner

Name Andrew Dale

Date FEBRUARY 2020

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ASSURANCE BOARD

REPORT TITLE	HIGH RISK OFFENDERS ACCOMMODATION AND SUPPORT PROJECT - ARBOR
REPORT BY	CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER
DATE	FEBRUARY 2020

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

TO RECORD THE DECISION TO EXTEND THE SERVICE UNTIL MARCH 2021

ATTACHMENTS

None

RECOMMENDATIONS

To extend the service until March 2021

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OVERVIEW

The PCC currently commissions a contract for £390,000 from April 2018 to March 2020 with the option to extend for 3 x 12 month periods. 5 people are funded: 4 staff members and a manager. The OPCC has recently revised the Partnership agreement for the funding consortia and is seeking firm commitments for the future joint funding of this service. In the meantime the PCC has approved the first year extension of the service in line with the contract.

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The age range for service users is 18 years and above. In exceptional circumstances Young People of 16/17 who are high risk offenders could be placed in the dispersed accommodation. The Provider offers services for both men and women.

The service is sensitive to and meets the needs of all individuals taking into account protected characteristics.

The provision of support adopts a flexible approach to the differing support needs required by individuals, whilst protecting the public. The National Probation Service is the major referrer to this service. Most Service Users have an assigned Offender Manager from the National Probation Service. When an individual's licence has ended, the Service User will be managed in line with the latest risk assessment and in partnership with other public protection agencies such as the Police, Probation, Mental Health and Children's Services. This transition is carefully managed by the Provider and the Police must be kept fully informed.

The Provider has a person centred support planning process. Support plans are agreed between the Offender Manager/ lead agency, Service User and Provider with the emphasis on minimising the risk of harm and re-offending, together with establishing clear independent living skills. Service Users are expected to engage in the assessment of their support needs.

The location of the properties is crucial to the success of this service. Checks and approvals from the Derbyshire Police Management of Sexual or Violent Offenders Unit (MOSOVO) are mandatory. Support from other key partners is essential.

BACKGROUND

Historically the High Risk Serious Offender services across Derby City and Derbyshire County had been commissioned separately by the two local authorities and partners. Despite the two separate contracts the service has been provided through the same provider, Action. Following tender, the contract was combined under a consortia arrangement in 2018 including the Police & Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire, Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council and "the District Councils - Amber Valley Borough Council, Bolsover District Council, Chesterfield Borough Council, Derbyshire Dales District Council, Erewash Borough Council, High Peak Borough Council, North East Derbyshire District Council, South Derbyshire District Council.

The OPCC has recently revised the Partnership agreement and is seeking the firm longer term commitments from all funding partners. This will include dialogue with the National Probation Service in its new iteration.