

## REPORT TO EXECUTIVE



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## Targeted Family Services Extension of Contract (TFS)

**PURPOSE**

1. To request an extension of contract and commissioning arrangements between Burnley Council and Action for Children to continue to deliver Targeted Family Services for 2013/14.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. That the Executive approve the extension of contract and variation of terms and conditions of the work undertaken by Action for Children's Targeted Family Services Team from the 1st April 2013 for 12 months.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

3. Additional sources of funding from Supporting People and Working Together with Families (both administered by Lancashire County Council), in addition to Burnley Council's financial support have been identified to continue the delivery of Targeted Family Services project in 2013/14.

**SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS**

4. The Targeted Family Services Team (formerly known as the Family Intervention Project – FIP) was established in 2005 from Central Government Funding as part of the Respect Agenda rollout and based on the successful Dundee Families Project. Since this date the project has worked with Burnley's most complex and challenging families that require specialist intensive intervention at a level that mainstream services are unable to provide. This work addresses issues that exist within families that exhibit chaotic lifestyles, entrenched inter-generational issues and that are known to many agencies. The project was established to address; poor parenting, anti-social behaviour, criminality, tenancy issues and school exclusion within these families.

The project has proven successful in challenging and changing behaviour and has contributed to the borough's current reduction in anti-social behaviour and crime. The outcomes of the Burnley project have formed part of national evaluation that has influenced both current national and local policy. In 2011/12 the Government launched its Troubled Families Initiative and Lancashire County Council also introduced its Working Together With Families programme, both are based on the

principles, value for money and proven outcomes of targeted family services/ family intervention.

In October 2010 the external funding to support the project was un-ring fenced and Burnley identified savings through a reduction in service to allow continuation in 2011/12.

The continued delivery of the Targeted Family Services Team will contribute to the County Council's Working Together With Families programme locally and will provide a continuity of service within the transitional rollout period of Working Together, ensuring that the complex needs of family work within the borough is continued to be met. The County Council have also agreed part funding for the local delivery during 2013/14 in light of the borough's unique challenges and volume of cases.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION**

5. Funding for Targeted Family Services in 2013/14 is made up of the following;
- Burnley Council £24K (2012/13 Reserve Underspend Non-Recurring)
  - Supporting People (LCC) £38K (Sourced and managed directly by Action for Children)
  - Working Together with Families (LCC) £59K

The contractual arrangements are year on year so there is no financial obligation to the Council post 31st March 2014

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

6. There are no implications for the Council as far as any procurement requirement is concerned. The original contract was for 1 year with a possible extension referred to in that contract, in extending the length of the commissioned service for a further year the Council is carrying out the potential extensions within the original contract.
7. All relevant enquiries related to procurement rules have been undertaken.

#### **DETAILS OF CONSULTATION**

8. Burnley Community Safety Partnership, Working Together with Families core team

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

9. None

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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