

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 6 August 2021	<b>Decision Maker:</b> Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing
<b>Report title:</b>		Funding approval – Khulisa trauma informed training	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Director of Communities	

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

1. That the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing approves the funding award of £9,000 to Khulisa UK to deliver a trauma informed training package to beneficiaries identified by the council.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

2. A new Council Plan for 2018-2022 was agreed by cabinet in June 2018. It includes a Safer Community as a key commitment. The plan sets out the council's ambition for Southwark to be a great place to live with clean, green and safe communities. The council plan commits to "empower people, particularly young people, with the opportunities that they need to make positive choices and to stay away from crime and violence." It commits to "work with communities to find local solutions that help young people stay away from knives."
3. A Community Harm and Exploitation Reduction Plan (CHERP) was approved by the Cabinet in March 2020. This plan includes the recommendations of the Southwark Extended Learning Review (February 2019), Southwark Serious Youth Violence Panel Report to cabinet (July 2019) and the Serious Youth Violence – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (October 2019). It brings together the partnership responses to a range of issues under the umbrella Community Harm and Exploitation including knife crime, serious youth and gang violence, drug dealing and county lines, modern slavery etc.
4. The CHERP relates to national and London-wide work to address violence and exploitation and is aligned to the work of the London Violence Reduction Unit (LVRU).
5. The LVRU have made £200,000 grant funding available to Southwark for 2020/21 to focus on three strategic outcomes, namely:
  - Addressing the drug related drivers of violence
  - Supporting young offenders and reducing violent recidivism
  - Minimising school exclusions and supporting young people back into education, employment and training.
6. Due to the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, it has been agreed by the London Violence Reduction Unit that expenditure can be "rolled over" into the financial year 2021/2022.

## **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

7. It is proposed that funding be awarded to Khulisa UK to deliver a trauma-informed training package for front-line practitioners Youth Independent Advisory Group comprising:-

Trauma-training for professionals - 3 cohorts - £8,000

1st Cohort- 20 participants - 3 x 2.5 hour webinars over 3 weeks, commencing 3rd/4th week April; with a 4th session in the 4th week either digital or face to face.

2nd and 3rd Cohorts to run simultaneously across May/June, with approximately 20 participants each

Trauma-training for Youth Independent Advisory Group participants - £1,000

1st Cohort 20 participants - 3 x 2.5 hour webinars over 3 weeks consider whether the 4th session is face to face or digital in due course.

The costs exclude VAT, facilitator travel and subsistence.

8. The objective is to train front-line practitioners and Youth Independent Advisory Group to be more trauma-informed in their practice and understanding, so that they can better understand and support residents and in particular young people at risk or affected by community harm and exploitation.
9. This will enhance Southwark Council's delivery of the public health approach to tackling harm, exploitation and violence.
10. Due to the bespoke nature of the project requirements, it is not considered appropriate to seek three competitive quotes and instead the training package is to be grant funded. It is proposed that the training activity is delivered by Khulisa UK who are an established provider in this specialism, providing training to the Metropolitan Police Service, Youth Offending Services, Red Cross and educational professionals.

## **Policy implications**

11. The further extension of trauma informed practice to more front-line practitioners takes forward the Public Health approach that is embedded in the Community Harm and Reduction Plan that was adopted by the council in 2020. This plan includes recommendations from the Extended Learning Review (February 2019), Cross Party Panel (July 2019) and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (October 2019) and aligns with the models of good practice suggested by the London Violence Reduction Unit, whose funding supports this training.

## **Community impact statement**

12. The issues of serious violence and exploitation disproportionately affect those who are in our poorest communities and those from a BAME background, and Southwark is consistently one of the London Boroughs most affected by these issues when looking at crime or other statistics of social exclusion.

### Resource implications

13. This work will be funded by the uplift grant from the London Violence Reduction Unit and the demands on the council will be to make space available to deliver the training if possible and to identify training participants, this should fall well within the capacity of the Community Safety Partnership Service.

### Legal implications

14. Please see the concurrent report of the Director of Law and Governance below.

### Financial implications

15. None fully funded by the grant from the London Violence Reduction Unit.

## SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

### Director of Law and Governance

16. This report seeks approval of the award of grant funding to Khulisa UK for the delivery of a trauma informed training package to beneficiaries identified by the council.
17. The decision to approve the report recommendation is one which is expressly reserved to the Cabinet Member under Part 3D of the council Constitution. The proposed grant award is consistent with the council's statutory duties and powers as noted in this report and with corporate and pan London policy in relation to the reduction of violence, harm and exploitation within the community.
18. The appointment of Khulisa UK will be governed by the council's standard conditions of grant funding, which include provision for withholding of grant payments at the council's discretion if the agreed training outcomes are not delivered.

### Strategic Director of Finance and Governance (FIN1254 – JB)

19. The report requests approval for the award of £9,000 to Khulisa UK to deliver a trauma informed training package as defined in paragraphs 7 to 9.
20. The report notes the service has earmarked funding from the London Violence Reduction Unit grant received during 20/21 and that this is sufficient to cover the specified training package.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Titles of document(s) with hyperlinks. <a href="#">Southwark Extended Learning Review (February 2019)</a> <a href="#">Southwark public health approach to serious youth violence prevention – JSNA (October 2019)</a>	Floor 5, Hub 3, Community Safety Partnership Service, Environment & Leisure 160 Tooley Street	luton.sinfield@southwark.gov.uk

<a href="#">Southwark Serious Youth Violence Panel (July 2019)</a>		
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## AUDIT TRAIL

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Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	Yes	Yes
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