

**DATED**

**2020**

**GRANT AGREEMENT**

**Between**

**ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL**

**and**

**BETTER DIVORCE COURSE LIMITED**

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THIS AGREEMENT is dated

day of

2020

## **PARTIES**

- (1) **ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL** of PO Box 11 County Hall Chelmsford Essex CM1 1QH (**Funder**).
- (2) **BETTER DIVORCE COURSE LIMITED** of [REDACTED], company registration number 9980742 (**Recipient**).

hereinafter referred to jointly as "the Parties" or singly as "a Party"

## **BACKGROUND**

- (A) The Funder has agreed to pay the Grant to the Recipient to assist it in carrying out the Project.
- (B) This Agreement sets out the terms and conditions on which the Grant is made by the Funder to the Recipient.
- (C) These terms and conditions are intended to ensure that the Grant is used for the purpose for which it is awarded.

## **AGREED TERMS**

### **1. DEFINITIONS**

In this Agreement the following terms shall have the following meanings:

**Bribery Act:** the Bribery Act 2010 and any subordinate legislation made under that Act from time to time together with any guidance or codes of practice issued by the relevant government department concerning the legislation.

**Commencement Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020

**Clawback Period:** means the period from the date of this Agreement to **two years** after Completion Date.

**Clawback Event:** non delivery of the project as defined in The Project **Schedule 1**

**Completion Date:** 31st March 2023

**Data Protection Legislation:** all applicable data protection legislation and privacy legislation in force from time to time in the UK including the GDPR; the Data Protection Act 2018; the Privacy and Electronic Communications Directive 2002/58/EC (as updated by Directive 2009/136/EC) and the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations 2003 (SI 2003/2426); any other directly applicable European Union regulation relating to privacy; and all other legislation and regulatory requirements in force from time to time which apply to a party relating to the use of Personal Data and the privacy of electronic communications.

**Expiry Date:** the date that the Grant Period expires.

**GDPR:** General Data Protection Regulation ((EU) 2016/679).

**Governing Body:** the governing body of the Recipient including its directors or trustees.

**Grant:** the sum of **£18,000 in year one [2019/2020] then £20,000 per annum for the remaining period of the grant** to be paid to the Recipient in accordance with this Agreement

**Grant Period:** the period for which the Grant is awarded starting on the Commencement Date and ending on the **31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

**Intellectual Property Rights:** all patents, copyrights and design rights (whether registered or not) and all applications for any of the foregoing and all rights of confidence and Know-How however arising for their full term and any renewals and extensions.

**Know-How:** information, data, know-how or experience whether patentable or not and including but not limited to any technical and commercial information relating to research, design, development, manufacture, use or sale.

**Personal Data:** shall have the same meaning as set out in the Data Protection Legislation.

**Prohibited Act:** means:

- (a) offering, giving or agreeing to give to any servant of the Funder any gift or consideration of any kind as an inducement or reward for:
  - (i) doing or not doing (or for having done or not having done) any act in relation to the obtaining or performance of this Agreement or any other contract with the Funder; or
  - (ii) showing or not showing favour or disfavour to any person in relation to this Agreement or any other contract with the Funder;
- (b) entering into this Agreement or any other contract with the Funder where a commission has been paid or has been agreed to be paid by the Recipient or on its behalf, or to its knowledge, unless before the relevant contract is entered into particulars of any such commission and of the terms and conditions of any such contract for the payment thereof have been disclosed in writing to the Funder;
- (c) committing any offence:
  - (i) under the Bribery Act;
  - (ii) under legislation creating offences in respect of fraudulent acts; or
  - (iii) at common law in respect of fraudulent acts in relation to this Agreement or any other contract with the Funder; or
- (d) defrauding or attempting to defraud or conspiring to defraud the Funder.

**Project:** the project described in Error! Reference source not found..

**Project Manager:** the individual who has been nominated to represent the Funder for the purposes of this Agreement. The identity of the Project Manager shall be communicated to the Parties within 14 days of the execution of this Agreement.

**State Aid:**

- a) any aid granted by a Member State of the European Union or through the resources of such Member State in any form whatsoever which distorts or threatens to distort competition by favouring a particular undertaking or the production of certain goods in so far as such aid affects trade between European Union Member States; or

- b) any aid benefit or advantage (which includes but is not limited to assets, rates, funds and land) granted by or through a public sector body which is subject to any United Kingdom Competition Requirements.

**Unlawful State Aid:**

- a) State Aid which has been granted in contravention of Article 108(3) Treaty of the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), does not benefit from an exemption from notification and has not been approved by a decision of the European Commission under Article 107(2) or (3) TFEU;
- b) State Aid which has been granted after the United Kingdom ceases to be a Member State of the European Union to the extent that the same is granted contrary to or is an infringement of any United Kingdom Competition Requirement.

**2. PURPOSE OF GRANT**

- 2.1 The Recipient shall use the Grant only for the delivery of the Project and in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement. The Grant shall not be used for any other purpose without the prior written agreement of the Funder.
- 2.2 The Recipient shall not make any significant change to the Project without the Funder's prior written agreement.
- 2.3 Where the Recipient intends to apply to a third party for other funding for the Project within the Grant Period, it will notify the Funder in advance of its intention to do so and, where such funding is obtained, it will provide the Funder with details of the amount and purpose of that funding. The Recipient agrees and accepts that it shall not apply for duplicate funding in respect of any part of the Project or any related administration costs that the Funder is funding in full under this Agreement.

**3. PAYMENT OF GRANT**

- 3.1 Subject to clause 12, the Funder shall pay the Grant to the Recipient upon presentation of properly receipted invoices in accordance with **Schedule 2**, subject to the necessary funds being available when payment falls due. The Recipient agrees and accepts that payments of the Grant can only be made to the extent that the Funder has available funds.
- 3.2 No Grant shall be paid unless and until the Funder is satisfied that such payment will be used for proper expenditure in the delivery of the Project.
- 3.3 The amount of the Grant shall not be increased in the event of any overspend by the Recipient in its delivery of the Project.
- 3.4 The **Grant** shall be paid into a separate bank account in the name of the Recipient which must be an ordinary business bank account. All cheques from the bank account must be signed by at least two individual representatives of the Recipient

- 3.5 The Recipient shall not transfer any part of the **Grant** to bank accounts which are not ordinary business accounts within the clearing bank system, without the prior written consent of the Funder.
- 3.6 The Recipient shall promptly repay to the Funder any money incorrectly paid to it either as a result of an administrative error or otherwise. This includes (without limitation) situations where either an incorrect sum of money has been paid or where Grant monies have been paid in error before all conditions attaching to the Grant have been complied with by the Recipient.
- 3.7 The Recipient shall promptly repay to the Funder any money incorrectly paid to it either as a result of an administrative error or otherwise. This includes (without limitation) situations where either an incorrect sum of money has been paid or where Grant monies have been paid in error before all conditions attaching to the Grant or to any milestone have been complied with by the Recipient.
- 3.8 In the event that at any time the Recipient obtains a refund to it of any Grant spent and from whatever source (whether at the time the Grant was spent by the Recipient it was spent correctly or otherwise), the Recipient shall forthwith pay an amount equivalent to the aforesaid refund to the Funder.

#### **4. USE OF GRANT**

- 4.1 The Grant shall be used by the Recipient for capital expenditure for the delivery of the Project in accordance with the agreed Grant funding. For the avoidance of doubt, the amount of the Grant that the Recipient may spend on any item of expenditure shall not exceed the total amount of the Grant.
- 4.2 Where the Recipient has obtained funding from a third party in relation to its delivery of the Project within the Grant Period (including without limitation funding for associated administration and staffing costs), the amount of such funding shall be included in the Project. Loss or reduction of third party funding within the Grant Period will result in withdrawal of the Grant.
- 4.3 The Recipient shall not use the Grant to:
- (a) make any payment to members of its Governing Body;
  - (b) purchase buildings or land;
  - (c) pay for any expenditure commitments of the Recipient entered into before the Commencement Date, unless this has been approved in writing by the Funder.
- 4.4 The Recipient shall not spend any part of the Grant on the delivery of the Project after the Grant Period without the prior written approval of the Funder.
- 4.5 Should any part of the Grant remain unspent at the end of the Grant Period, the Recipient shall ensure that any unspent monies are returned to the Funder or, if agreed in writing by the Funder, may be applied to the Project.

4.6 Any liabilities arising at the end of the Project including any redundancy liabilities for staff employed by the Recipient to deliver the Project must be managed and paid for by the Recipient using resources of the Recipient. There will be no additional funding available from the Funder for this purpose.

## **5. ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS**

5.1 The Grant shall be shown in the Recipient's accounts as a restricted fund and shall not be included under general funds.

5.2 The Recipient shall keep separate, accurate and up-to-date accounts and records of the receipt and expenditure of the Grant monies received by it.

5.3 The Recipient shall keep all invoices, receipts, and accounts and any other relevant documents relating to the expenditure of the Grant for a period of at least six years following receipt of any Grant monies to which they relate. The Funder shall have the right to review, at the Funder's reasonable request, the Recipient's accounts and records that relate to the expenditure of the Grant and shall have the right to take copies of such accounts and records.

5.4 The Recipient shall provide the Funder with a copy of its annual accounts within six months (or such lesser period as the Funder may reasonably require) of the end of the relevant financial year in respect of each year in which the Grant is paid.

5.6 The Recipient shall comply and facilitate the Funder's compliance with all statutory requirements as regards accounts, audit or examination of accounts, annual reports and annual returns applicable to itself and the Funder.

## **6. MONITORING AND REPORTING**

6.1 The Recipient shall closely monitor the delivery and success of the Project throughout the Grant Period to ensure that the aims and objectives of the Project are being met and that this Agreement is being adhered to.

6.2 The Recipient shall provide the Funder with a financial report and an operational report on its use of the Grant and delivery of the Project every quarter and in such formats as the Funder may reasonably require. During the Grant Period the Recipient shall provide the Funder with each report within three months of the last day of the quarter to which it relates.

6.3 Where the Recipient has obtained funding from a third party for its delivery of part of the Project, the Recipient shall include the amount of such funding in its financial reports together with details of what that funding has been used for.

6.4 Along with its first quarterly financial report, the Recipient shall provide the Funder with a risk register and insurance review in a format to be approved by the Funder. The Recipient shall address the health and safety of its staff in the risk register.

- 6.5 The Recipient shall on request provide the Funder with such further information, explanations and documents as the Funder may reasonably require in order for it to establish that the Grant has been used properly in accordance with this Agreement.
- 6.6 The Recipient shall permit any person authorised by the Funder such reasonable access to its employees, agents, premises, facilities and records, for the purpose of discussing, monitoring and evaluating the Recipient's fulfilment of the conditions of this Agreement and shall, if so required, provide appropriate oral or written explanations from them.
- 6.7 The Recipient shall permit any person authorised by the Funder for the purpose to visit the Recipient once every quarter to monitor the delivery of the Project. Where, in its reasonable opinion, the Funder considers that additional visits are necessary to monitor the Project, it shall be entitled to authorise any person to make such visits on its behalf.
- 6.8 The Recipient shall provide the Funder with a final report on completion of the Grant Period which shall confirm whether the Project has been successfully and properly completed. [At the same time as the Recipient provides the Funder with its final report, it shall propose in writing a Completion Date for the purposes of calculating any repayments that may become due in the event a Clawback Event occurs (Completion Date Notice).]

## **7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND PUBLICITY**

- 7.1 The Recipient shall acknowledge the Grant in its annual report and accounts, including an acknowledgement of the Funder as the source of the Grant.
- 7.2 The Recipient shall acknowledge the support of the Funder in any materials that refer to the Project and in any written or spoken public presentations about the Project. Such acknowledgements (where appropriate or as requested by the Funder) shall include the Funder's name and logo (or any future name or logo adopted by the Funder) using the templates provided by the Funder from time to time.
- 7.3 In using the Funder's name and logo, the Recipient shall comply with all reasonable branding guidelines issued by the Funder from time to time.
- 7.4 The Recipient agrees to participate in and co-operate with promotional activities relating to the Project that may be instigated and/or organised by the Funder.
- 7.5 The Funder may acknowledge the Recipient's involvement in the Project as appropriate without prior notice.
- 7.6 The Recipient shall comply with all reasonable requests from the other Party to facilitate visits, provide reports, statistics, photographs and case studies that will assist in promotional and fundraising activities relating to the Project.



## **8. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

- 8.1 The Funder and the Recipient agree that all rights, title and interest in or to any information, data, reports, documents, procedures, forecasts, technology, Know-How and any other Intellectual Property Rights whatsoever owned by either the Funder or the Recipient before the Commencement Date or developed by either party during the Grant Period, shall remain the property of that party.
- 8.2 Where the Funder has provided the Recipient with any of its Intellectual Property Rights for use in connection with the Project (including without limitation its name and logo), the Recipient shall, on termination of this Agreement, cease to use such Intellectual Property Rights immediately and shall either return or destroy such Intellectual Property Rights as requested by the Funder.

## **9. CONFIDENTIALITY**

- 9.1 Subject to Clause 10 (Freedom of Information), each party shall during the term of this Agreement and thereafter keep secret and confidential all Intellectual Property Rights or Know-How or other business, technical or commercial information disclosed to it as a result of the Agreement and shall not disclose the same to any person save to the extent necessary to perform its obligations in accordance with the terms of this Agreement or save as expressly authorised in writing by the other party.
- 9.2 The obligation of confidentiality contained in this clause shall not apply or shall cease to apply to any Intellectual Property Rights, Know-How or other business, technical or commercial information which:
- (a) at the time of its disclosure by the disclosing party is already in the public domain or which subsequently enters the public domain other than by breach of the terms of this Agreement by the receiving party;
  - (b) is already known to the receiving party as evidenced by written records at the time of its disclosure by the disclosing party and was not otherwise acquired by the receiving party from the disclosing party under any obligations of confidence; or
  - (a) is at any time after the date of this Agreement acquired by the receiving party from a third party having the right to disclose the same to the receiving party without breach of the obligations owed by that party to the disclosing party.

## **10. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

- 10.1 The Parties acknowledge that they are both subject to the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (**FOIA**) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and shall assist and co-operate with each other to comply with these information disclosure requirements.
- 10.2 The recipient if the FOI request shall share any requests for information with the other Party as soon as practicable after receipt and in any event within two Working Days of receiving a request for information:
- [a] pool all information in their possession with the other Party within five working days (or such other period as the Parties agree) of receipt of the request for that information; and
  - [b] be responsible for the delivery of information pursuant to any such request.

10.3 The other Party shall provide all necessary assistance as reasonably requested by the FOI recipient to enable the FOI recipient to respond to a request for information within the time for compliance set out in section 10 of the FOIA or regulation 5 of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

10.4 The FOI recipient shall be responsible for determining at its absolute discretion whether the information:

- [a] is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004;
- [b] is to be disclosed in response to a request for information.

10.5 The FOI recipient acknowledges that the FOI recipient may, acting in accordance with the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs' Code of Practice on the discharge of public authorities' functions under Part 1 of FOIA (issued under section 45 of the FOIA, November 2004), be obliged under the FOIA or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 to disclose information:

- [a] without consulting with the other Party; or
- [b] following consultation with the other Party and having taken its views into account

provided always that where clause 10.5(b) applies the FOI recipient shall, in accordance with any recommendations of the Code, take reasonable steps, where appropriate, to give the other Party advanced notice, or failing that, to draw the disclosure to the other Party's attention after any such disclosure.

10.6 The Recipient shall ensure that all information produced in the course of the Agreement or relating to the Agreement is retained for disclosure and shall permit the Funder to inspect such records as requested from time to time.

## **11. DATA PROTECTION**

11.1 The Recipient shall (and shall procure that any of its staff involved in connection with the activities under the Agreement shall) comply with any notification requirements under the Data Protection Legislation. Both Parties will duly observe all their obligations under the Data Protection Legislation which arise in connection with the Agreement.

## **12. WITHHOLDING, SUSPENDING AND REPAYMENT OF GRANT**

12.1 The Funder's intention is that the Grant will be paid to the Recipient in full. However, without prejudice to the Funder's other rights and remedies, the Funder may at its discretion withhold or suspend payment of the Grant and/or require repayment of all or part of the Grant if:

- (b) the Recipient uses the Grant for purposes other than those for which they have been awarded;
- (c) the delivery of the Project does not start within 6 months of the Commencement Date and the Recipient has failed to provide the Funder with a reasonable explanation for the delay;
- (d) the Funder acting reasonably considers that the Recipient has not made satisfactory progress with the delivery of the Project;
- (e) the Recipient is, in the reasonable opinion of the Funder, delivering the Project in a negligent manner;

- (f) the Recipient obtains duplicate funding from a third party for the Project within the Grant Period;
- (g) the Recipient obtains funding from a third party which, in the reasonable opinion of the Funder, undertakes activities that are likely to bring the reputation of the Project or the Funder into disrepute;
- (h) the Recipient provides the Funder with any materially misleading or inaccurate information;
- (i) the Recipient commits or committed a Prohibited Act;
- (j) any member of the Governing Body, an employee or a volunteer of the Recipient has (a) acted dishonestly or negligently at any time and directly or indirectly to the detriment of the Project or (b) taken any actions which, in the reasonable opinion of the Funder, bring or are likely to bring the Funder's name or reputation into disrepute;
- (k) the Recipient ceases to operate for any reason, or it passes a resolution (or any court of competent jurisdiction makes an order) that it be wound up or dissolved (other than for the purpose of a bona fide and solvent reconstruction or amalgamation);
- (l) the Recipient becomes insolvent, or it is declared bankrupt, or it is placed into receivership, administration or liquidation, or a petition has been presented for its winding up, or it enters into any arrangement or composition for the benefit of its creditors, or it is unable to pay its debts as they fall due; or
- (m) the Recipient fails to comply with any of the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement and fails to rectify any such failure within 30 days of receiving written notice detailing the failure.
- (n) if a Clawback Event occurs (when calculation of the repayment required shall be calculated as specified in Schedule 4 - Clawback Schedule). The decision as to whether a Clawback Event has occurred shall be at the Funder's sole discretion.

- 12.2 Wherever under the Agreement any sum of money is recoverable from or payable by the Recipient (including any sum that the Recipient is liable to pay to the Funder in respect of any breach of the Agreement), the Funder may unilaterally deduct that sum from any sum then due, or which at any later time may become due to the Recipient under the Agreement or under any other agreement or contract with the Funder.
- 12.3 The Recipient shall make any payments due to the Funder without any deduction whether by way of set-off, counterclaim, discount, abatement or otherwise.
- 12.4 Should the Recipient be subject to financial or other difficulties which are capable of having a material impact on its effective delivery of the Project or compliance with this Agreement it will notify the Funder as soon as possible so that, if possible, and without creating any legal obligation, the Funder will have an opportunity to provide assistance in resolving the problem or to take action to protect the Funder and the Grant monies.
- 12.5 Any costs or expenditure above the Estimated Project Cost will be the responsibility of the Recipient. In the event that the Project costs are less than estimated the Funder reserves the right to reduce the Grant pro rata

12.6 If the Grant constitutes Unlawful State Aid then the Funder shall be entitled to recover from the Recipient the amount of Unlawful State Aid together with such interest as it is required by Law to recover and the Recipient must pay such amount(s) within ten (10) Business Days of the Funder requesting repayment.

### **13. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION**

13.1 The Recipient shall not unlawfully discriminate within the meaning and scope of any law, enactment, order, or regulation relating to discrimination (whether in race, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation, age or otherwise) in employment.

13.2 The Recipient shall take reasonable steps to secure the observance of clause 13.1 by all servants, employees or agents of the Recipient and all suppliers and sub-contractors engaged on the Project.

### **14. HUMAN RIGHTS**

14.1 The Recipient shall (and shall use its reasonable endeavours to procure that its staff shall) at all times comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998 in the performance of this Agreement as if the Recipient were a public body (as defined in the Human Rights Act 1998).

14.2 The Recipient shall undertake, or refrain from undertaking, such acts as the Funder requests so as to enable the Funder to comply with its obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998.

### **15. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

15.1 The Funder accepts no liability for any consequences, whether direct or indirect, that may come about from the Recipient running the Project, the use of the Grant or from withdrawal of the Grant. The Recipient shall indemnify and hold harmless the Funder, its employees, agents, officers or sub-contractors with respect to all claims, demands, actions, costs, expenses, losses, damages and all other liabilities arising from or incurred by reason of the actions and/or omissions of the Recipient in relation to the Project, the non-fulfilment of obligations of the Recipient under this Agreement or its obligations to third parties.

15.2 Subject to clause 15.1, the Funder's liability under this Agreement is limited to the payment of the Grant.

### **16. WARRANTIES**

16.1 The Recipient warrants, undertakes and agrees that:

- (o) it has all necessary resources and expertise to deliver the Project (assuming due receipt of the Grant);
- (p) it has not committed, nor shall it commit, any Prohibited Act;
- (q) it shall at all times comply with all relevant legislation and all applicable codes of practice and other similar codes or recommendations, and shall notify the Funder immediately of any significant departure from such legislation, codes or recommendations;

- (r) it shall comply with the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and any other acts, orders, regulations and codes of practice relating to health and safety, which may apply to employees and other persons working on the Project;
- (s) it has and shall keep in place adequate procedures for dealing with any conflicts of interest;
- (t) it has and shall keep in place systems to deal with the prevention of fraud and/or administrative malfunction;
- (u) all financial and other information concerning the Recipient which has been disclosed to the Funder is to the best of its knowledge and belief, true and accurate;
- (v) it is not subject to any contractual or other restriction imposed by its own or any other organisation's rules or regulations or otherwise which may prevent or materially impede it from meeting its obligations in connection with the Grant;
- (w) it is not aware of anything in its own affairs, which it has not disclosed to the Funder or any of the Funder's advisers, which might reasonably have influenced the decision of the Funder to make the Grant on the terms contained in this Agreement; and
- (x) since the date of its last accounts there has been no material change in its financial position or prospects.

## 17. INSURANCE

17.1 The Recipient shall effect and maintain with a reputable EU insurance company a policy or policies in respect of all risks which may be incurred by the Recipient, arising out of the Recipient's performance of the Agreement, including death or personal injury, loss of or damage to property or any other loss (the **Required Insurances**).

17.2 The Required Insurances referred to above include (but are not limited to):

- (i) public liability insurance with a limit of indemnity of not less than Five Million Pounds (£5,000,000) in relation to any one claim or series of claims arising from the Service; and
- (ii) employer's liability insurance with a limit of indemnity no less than the statutory minimum in respect of any one claim or series of claims arising from the Service.
- (iii) professional indemnity insurance to provide an indemnity of not less than Ten Million Pounds (£10,000,000) in respect of any one claim or series of claims arising out of one incident is provided by all partners involved in the delivery of the project

17.3 The Recipient shall (on request) supply to the Funder a copy of such insurance policies and evidence that the relevant premiums have been paid.

## 18. DURATION

18.1 Except where otherwise specified, the terms of this Agreement shall apply from the date of this Agreement until the anniversary of expiry of the Grant Period or for so long as any Grant monies remain unspent by the Recipient, whichever is longer.

18.2 Any obligations under this Agreement that remain unfulfilled following the expiry or termination of the Agreement shall survive such expiry or termination and continue in full force and effect until they have been fulfilled.

## **19. TERMINATION**

19.1 The Funder may terminate this Agreement and any Grant payments on giving the Recipient [three months'] written notice should it be required to do so by financial restraints or for any other reason.

## **20. ASSIGNMENT**

20.1 The Recipient may not, without the prior written consent of the Funder, assign, transfer, sub-contract, or in any other way make over to any third party the benefit and/or the burden of this Agreement or, except as contemplated as part of the Project, transfer or pay to any other person any part of the Grant.

## **21. WAIVER**

21.1 No failure or delay by either party to exercise any right or remedy under this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of any other right or remedy.

## **22. NOTICES**

22.1 All notices and other communications in relation to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if personally delivered, [e-mailed,] or mailed (first class postage prepaid) to the address of the relevant party, as referred to above or otherwise notified in writing. If personally delivered [or if e-mailed] all such communications shall be deemed to have been given when received (except that if received on a non-working day or after 5.00 pm on any working day they shall be deemed received on the next working day) and if mailed all such communications shall be deemed to have been given and received on the second working day following such mailing.

## **23. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

23.1 In the event of any complaint or dispute arising between the parties to this Agreement in relation to this Agreement the matter should first be referred for resolution to the Project Manager or any other individual nominated by the Funder from time to time.

23.2 Should the complaint or dispute remain unresolved within 14 days of the matter first being referred to the Project Manager or other nominated individual, as the case may be, either party may refer the matter to the Chief Executive of the Funder and the Chief Executive of the Recipient with an instruction to attempt to resolve the dispute by agreement within 28 days, or such other period as may be mutually agreed by the Funder and the Recipient.

23.3 In the absence of agreement under clause 0, the parties may seek to resolve the matter through mediation under the CEDR Model Mediation Procedure (or such other appropriate dispute resolution model as is

agreed by both parties). Unless otherwise agreed, the parties shall bear the costs and expenses of the mediation equally.

**24. NO PARTNERSHIP OR AGENCY**

24.1 This Agreement shall not create any partnership or joint venture between the Funder and the Recipient, nor any relationship of principal and agent, nor authorise any party to make or enter into any commitments for or on behalf of the other party.

**25. CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999**

25.1 This Agreement does not and is not intended to confer any contractual benefit on any person pursuant to the terms of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

**26. GOVERNING LAW**

26. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of England and the parties irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

**27. SURVIVAL**

The Clawback provisions in this Agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement and the expiry of the Grant Period.

This document has been executed and takes effect on the commencement date.

Signed on behalf of:

**ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL**

Signed



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Name and Position



Head of Strengthening Communities  
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Date

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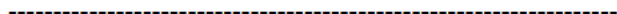
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**BETTER DIVORCE COURSE LIMITED**

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## SCHEDULE 1 THE PROJECT

### PURPOSE OF THE GRANT

This grant is made to support the delivery of a course that seeks to support divorcing or separating couples with children. The course will aim to promote awareness and skills building for those going through divorce in order to achieve beneficial outcomes for affected children. Adopting a client-centric approach and seeking the best possible outcomes for affected children, the courses will be offered alongside the legal services offer, provided by Central Law CIC, through the CABs.

### THE PROJECT

To offer courses to those going through divorce to help improve the outcomes for children through the learning of the soft skills required to support them through the divorce / separation of their parents. This will include access to local and national support services and networks, including a closed Facebook Peer to Peer support group. The content of the training course will be trialled through a pilot programme in early 2020.

The Course	Additional Information
"Better Divorce Course" Face to Face delivery	<p>Delivery of four courses of 20 people per course in Year One of the agreement. Number of courses in future years to be determined during ongoing planning and review sessions. Each cohort will be delivered over four sessions, as follows:</p> <p><b>Session 1:</b> Introduction and Resilience <b>Session 2:</b> Children and where will they live <b>Session 3:</b> Finances and Career <b>Session 4:</b> Your interest and Your relationships</p> <p>The purpose of the programme being to achieve a "better divorce" than clients would without access to the programme by informing, encouraging and empowering them to manage the divorce process and reduce the trauma of divorce for their children, for them and for their ex-partner by creating a foundation of resilience and five pillars of stability:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1] <b>Children and Home</b> – what is best for the children? Where will they, their ex-partner and children live?</li><li>2] <b>Money</b> – How much money do they need? How much money do they have?</li><li>3] <b>Career</b> – How will they find money? What might change about their career?</li><li>4] <b>Relationships</b> – What can they expect from their ex-partner, friends/family, new partner?</li><li>5] <b>Something just for you</b> – hobbies and interests</li></ol>
"Better Divorce Course" Digital Offer	Design and develop a digital offer for the delivery of the "Better Divorce Course" to offer greater reach and flexibility.

### THE BENEFITS

The benefits to clients from attending the Better Divorce Course

1. Increased resilience for those going through divorce / separation
2. A clear set of goals and a plan to take them through the divorce/separation process
3. Increased confidence
4. Access to a network of people who are also experiencing divorce to support and challenge them
5. Better outcomes for children

## **SCHEDULE 2 PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

<b>Amount of Grant Payable</b>	<b>Date of Payment</b>
£18,000	15/03/2020
£20,000	30/04/2020
£20,000	30/04/2021
£20,000	30/04/2022

**NOTE: THE £18,000 "PUMP PRIME" FUNDS IN 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR IS TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT AND PRE-DELIVERY COSTS FOR COHORT ONE AND TO LAUNCH THE NEW PROGRAMME**

### SCHEDULE 3 REPORTING SCHEDULE

Reporting Period	Reporting Due Date	Reporting Required
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2020	<b>Dashboard:</b> Complete agreed quarterly dashboard <b>Planning Meeting:</b> Schedule discussion with Funder before 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2020 to review lessons learnt from cohort 1 and next steps
1 <sup>st</sup> July 2020 to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2020	<b>Dashboard:</b> Complete agreed quarterly dashboard <b>Planning Meeting:</b> Schedule discussion with Funder before 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2020 to review progress and discuss plans and next steps
1 <sup>st</sup> October 2020 to 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2020	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	<b>Dashboard:</b> Complete agreed quarterly dashboard <b>Planning Meeting:</b> Schedule discussion with Funder before 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 to review progress and discuss plans and next steps
1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	<b>Dashboard:</b> Complete agreed quarterly dashboard <b>Planning Meeting:</b> Schedule meeting with Funder before 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2021 to discuss year one and delivery plans for year two
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	<b>Dashboard:</b> Complete agreed quarterly dashboard
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1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	31 <sup>st</sup> May 2023	<b>End of Funding Report</b> Produce End of Funding report for the project to demonstrate project has been successful and properly completed [ <b>Note:</b> in reference to any clawback under clawback events]

#### SCHEDULE 4 CLAWBACK SCHEDULE

Period from Completion Date	Percentage of Grant to be repaid
Within 1 year after completion date	50%
Within 1-2 years after completion date	25%
From 2 years after completion date	0%