

2nd June 2015

Agenda Item: 8

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR ACCESS AND PUBLIC
PROTECTION.****COMMUNITY SAFETY BUDGET UPDATE: REQUEST FOR FUNDING.****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval for committing funding from the Community Safety Initiatives Budget for 2015/16 to:
 - a) Fund legal advice needed regarding existing Gating Orders implemented by this council in light of legislative changes implemented in October 2014 (£2,000).
 - b) Fund the continuation of the maintenance contract for CCTV cameras at Junction 27 needed to support the injunction to combat vehicle nuisance in that area (£3,118).

Information and Advice**Community Safety Budget.**

2. Each year, a proportion of the Community Safety Budget is allocated to initiatives across the County that are designed to reduce crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour, reduce the fear of crime and increase levels of community safety and confidence within our communities. Initiatives are targeted at vulnerable communities, and are designed to tackle the issues that are causing the most harm to communities and individuals.
3. Funding proposals approved to date from the “initiatives” element of the Community Safety Budget for 2015-16 are summarised in the following table:

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| Total Community Safety “Initiatives” budget for 2015/16: | £262,380 |
| Total committed so far: | |
| Contribution to the work of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB) | £140,000 |
| Year 2 of the Best Bar None scheme | £15,000 |
| Contribution to Police led Hate Crime campaign | £5,000 |
| Remaining balance for other initiatives | £102,380 |

Gating Orders: Legal advice (£2,000).

4. Since 2003, a number of Gating Orders have been implemented across the County to reduce ASB and crime using provisions within the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2003.
5. In March 2014 Royal Assent was given to the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 which streamlined the tools available to councils, which came into force in October 2014.
6. Under the revised legislation Gating Orders are now replaced with Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) which are enforced by District Councils. A contribution from the Community Safety initiatives budget is sought to fund the legal advice required to determine the way forward with regards to the existing Gating Orders in the County.

Vehicle Nuisance: Junction 27 CCTV camera maintenance (£3,118).

7. In 2010/11 two CCTV cameras (funded by Nottinghamshire County Council) were placed on the A608 east and west carriageways by Junction 27 of the M1 in response to high volume complaints of car cruising activities.
8. The purpose of these cameras is to monitor and record visual evidence as to the volume and behaviour of vehicle activity in the area, in providing a proactive response.
9. In January 2015, a County Court injunction was successful in its application, which stated evidence gathering would continue via the two cameras at J27.
10. In order to continue operating the two cameras at Junction 27, plus uphold conditions stated within the court injunction, an annual maintenance contract is required for 2015/16, which will provide cover for emergency service call and repairs.

Other Options Considered

11. There will be other options for use of the community safety initiatives budget and proposed spends of the remaining **£102,308** balance will be the subject of future reports to the Community Safety Committee.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

12. Community Safety remains one of the key concerns for the residents of Nottinghamshire. The recommendations contained within this report will enable funding to action a range of targeted projects, specifically designed to combat issues of crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime. Any reductions in these issues will encourage the development of strong, healthy and vibrant communities thus reducing risks to those deemed as vulnerable within those communities.

Statutory and Policy Implications.

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

14. The requests totalling £5,118 can all be met from within the Community Safety Initiatives budget.

RECOMMENDATION/S

15. That the following contributions be made from the Community Safety Initiatives Budget for 2015/16:
- Legal advice in relation to how current Gating Orders will be superseded by new Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) (£2,000)
 - Continuation of a yearly maintenance contract for cameras located at Junction 27 needed to support a court injunction to control vehicle nuisance. (£3,118)

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Constitutional Comments (KK 06/05/15)

The proposals within this report are within the remit of the Community Safety Committee.

Financial Comments (KAS 11/05/15)

The financial implications are contained within paragraph 14 of the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- 'None'

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- Ashfield
- All