

REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY

COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING TO THE SAFER NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BOARD AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIPS IN 2012/13

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of the report is to seek Cabinet approval to allocate £392,000 from the Home Office Community Safety Fund (2012/13), together with £200,000 from the County Council Community Safety Budget (2012/13), to focus on 15 Partnership Plus Areas and countywide community safety priorities.

Information and Advice

2. Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) are statutory partnerships with responsibility for reducing Crime and Disorder in Nottinghamshire. They are held to account through the Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB) Performance Group and ultimately the Board itself. The Home Office Community Safety Fund (CSF) for 2012/13 is £392,000 and will be allocated through the County Council once again this year. From 2013/14 this funding will become the responsibility of the Police & Crime Commissioner and new arrangements will need to be developed to commission services appropriately from April 2013 onwards.
3. It is proposed that the CSPs will again be empowered to commission work in the 15 Partnership Plus Areas (PPAs), which were prioritised through the Strategic Assessment for 2012/13 as they have highest crime and anti social behaviour in the county. The delivery plans for the PPAs are comprehensive and are quality assured by the local CSP Board and Performance Groups, which have high level representation from key partnership agencies including the County Council. The PPAs are as follows:
 1. Portland (Mansfield)
 2. Worksop South East (Bassetlaw)
 3. Castle (N & S) – linked with Devon ward
 4. Worksop North West (Bassetlaw)
 5. Hucknall East (Ashfield)
 6. Sutton-in-Ashfield East (Ashfield)
 7. Sutton-in-Ashfield Central (Ashfield)
 8. Carr Bank (Mansfield)
 9. Kirkby-in-Ashfield East (APAC)
 10. Newgate (Mansfield)
 11. Woodlands (Mansfield)
 12. Netherfield and Colwick (Gedling)
 13. Sutton-in-Ashfield North (Ashfield)

- 14. Eastwood South (Broxtowe)
- 15. Oak Tree (Mansfield)

- 4. It has been agreed by the Safer Nottinghamshire Board that the CSF, together with the £200,000 Community Safety Portfolio Holder's allocation (totalling £592,000) should be split 70:30 between the Partnership Plus Areas (£27,600 per Partnership Plus Area) and countywide issues (£177,600). This is the same allocation arrangement that was agreed by Cabinet for this community safety funding in 2011/12.
- 5. Accountability for the £177,600 for the countywide issues will rest with the SNB Commissioning Group, which will report directly to the SNB Performance Group. SNB has agreed that Domestic Violence and Reducing Repeat Offending will remain priorities for the countywide funding in 2012/13.

Other Options Considered

- 6. The funding could have been allocated equally across all the CSPs but this would have meant a reduction in potential impact, as the greatest impact will be secured by achieving large crime reductions in the highest crime areas.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

- 7. The geographic and thematic priorities for the SNB have been identified through the Strategic Assessment and agreed by all partners on the SNB. The identification of PPAs and thematic priorities has enabled prioritisation and focusing of precious resources. The role of the Commissioning Group and the Performance Group will ensure the resources are utilised to gain the most impact and in the most cost-effective way. The Performance Group will also ensure that evaluations of the initiatives funded will be available to the new Police and Crime Commissioner.

Statutory and Policy Implications

- 8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) Subject to receipt of the Home Office funding of £392,000, Cabinet approves an allocation of £200,000 from the Community Safety Budget to the Safer Nottinghamshire Board for funding targeted work in the Partnership Priority Areas and countywide community safety priorities, giving a total commissioning budget of £592,000.
- 2) Cabinet approves the allocation of 70% of SNB's commissioning budget (£592,000) for local commissioning in the 15 PPAs (£27,600 for each one).
- 3) Cabinet agrees that the SNB Commissioning Group is authorised to approve 30% (£177,600) of the total £592,000 funding for countywide initiatives.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 09/03/12)

The Financial Regulations at 3.4.1.4 provide that Cabinet may approve virements over £200,000 within or between the revenue budgets of Cabinet Members. Therefore, Cabinet may approve the recommendations in the report.

Financial Comments (DD 17/03/12)

Subject to the receipt of Home Office funding adequate budget provision exists within the community safety to contribute to the funding of these projects.

Background Papers

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All Electoral Divisions.