

26th April 2016

Agenda Item: 6

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR SOUTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND
PUBLIC PROTECTION.**

COMMUNITY SAFETY BUDGET UPDATE: REQUEST FOR FUNDING.

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide information for Members on payments made from the Community Safety Initiatives Budget for 2015/16 (**£47,662**) and to seek approval for payments from the Community Safety Initiatives Budget for 2016/17 (**£132,000**).

Information and Advice

Community Safety Budget 2015/16.

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. The total contributions 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 |
| Income from Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC)* | £25,000 |
| Total budget available for initiatives | £287,380 |
| Total committed in 2015/16: | |
| 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 |
| Gating Orders: Legal Advice | 0** |
| Vehicle Nuisance: Junction 27 CCTV camera maintenance | £3,118 |
| Virtual just ice pilot: Cybercrime | £12,500 |
| Respect and Tolerance programme: Dragon’s Den 7 | £7,000 |
| Child Sexual Exploitation via social media | £10,000 |
| Crime in rural areas | £5,000 |
| Mass marketing scams: further joint work with Notts Police | £20,000 |
| Vulnerable Person Panels: Mental Health representation | 0** |

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| Tackling violence | £5,000 |
| Integrated and cohesive communities | £10,000 |
| Anne Frank Exhibition | £2,500 |
| Vulnerable Persons Panels: Social Worker Post | 0** |
| Installation of Pedestrian Guardrail (Worksop) | £2,000 |
| Installation of motorcycle barrier (Retford) | £2,200 |
| Installation of Pedestrian Safety Barrier (Hucknall) | £400 |
| Hate Crime training programme | £18,642 |
| Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) signage | £520 |
| Respect & Tolerance "I AM" Programme: Additional expenditure | £1500 |
| Drug testing machine (Bassetlaw Newark & Sherwood CSP) | £27,000 |
| Total Allocation: | £287,380 |

(*Additional income received for the contribution made by the Community Safety Team to managing the PCC budget, including the administration of payments and the production, monitoring and evaluation of costed delivery plans.)

(** Funds not needed in 2015/16 so re-allocated to other initiatives as indicated below.)

Gating Orders: Legal Advice (£2,000):re-allocated.

4. At the June 2015 Community Safety Committee a £2,000 contribution from the Community Safety Initiatives Budget was approved as a contingency to fund any legal advice required to determine the way forward to respond to changes in legislation governing Gating Orders.
5. The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 came into force in October 2014 and replaced Gating Orders (County Council responsibility) with Public Space Protection Orders (enforced by District Councils). Due to good co-operation between the relevant County and District Council teams the transition to the new legal regime went very smoothly and no legal advice was required. The £2,000 funding contingency was as a result re-allocated to other initiatives.

Vulnerable Persons Panels: Mental Health Representation/Social Worker (£32,000):re-allocated

6. At the July 2015 and November 2015 Community Safety Committees approval was given for a total of £32,000 to supplement a £13,300 contribution from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to fund a 12 months temporary contract for a social worker in the Community Safety team. The salary and related costs for the Band B social worker role are £45,300.
7. Due to unavoidable delays in the recruitment process the social worker only commenced in her role on 22nd February 2016. The costs of the role for the 1.5 months period in 2015/16 totalled £5,500 and were met from the £13,300 PCC contribution. The £32,000 community safety initiatives funding has been re-allocated to fund other initiatives in 2015/16, as indicated below. Costs for the remainder of the temporary contract are requested from the 2016/17 budget (see paragraphs 22 and 23 below).

“No to Hate!” Hate Crime Training Programme: (£18,642)

8. A contribution of £18,642 was made to an ongoing joint “No to Hate” Hate Crime training programme hosted by the Holocaust Centre. Trainers delivering the programme have included the inspirational speaker Sylvia Lancaster from the Sophie Lancaster Foundation. There has been massive interest and demand for the training and the evaluation has been overwhelmingly positive with comments including “inspirational”, “extremely thought provoking and challenging” and “some of the best training I have attended”.

Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) signage (£520)

9. In February 2015 the Community Safety Committee approved a contribution of £50,000 to fund further targeted Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) provision in the County to reduce crime and road casualties. This was match funded by contributions from the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Road Safety Camera Partnership.
10. ANPR cameras were installed in the Ashfield south area of the county in 2013 to help combat high levels of burglary. Research shows there was a 35% reduction in burglaries in the first year, with a further drop of 41% the following year.
11. Councillor Gilfoyle and the Police and Crime Commissioner, Paddy Tipping, attended the media launch of the new Bassetlaw ANPR Shield in March 2016.
12. A contribution of £520 was made from the 2015/16 Community Safety Initiatives Budget towards the cost of “Be Aware. ANPR Shield. Cameras in Operation” signage to accompany the ANPR cameras in the new Bassetlaw ANPR Shield.

Respect & Tolerance “I AM” Programme: additional expenditure (£1,500)

13. **Dragons Den style project (£1,000)**- was created seven years ago to encourage young people to think and talk about crime and anti-social behaviour, with a particular theme chosen each year. For 2015/16 the theme has been “Prejudice”. The project, funded by the Ashfield Community Safety Partnership and delivered by the County Council’s Education Improvement and Community Safety teams, saw 550 pupils at six secondary schools attend workshops covering prejudice, discrimination, influencing attitudes and taking action.
14. The project culminated in four schools presenting their projects to a panel of judges in March. Selston Academy scooped the £1,500 winning prize money with their “Don’t judge a book by its cover” campaign to challenge prejudice and promote respect.
15. The standard of the entries from all four schools was of such a high quality that a £250 contribution from the Community Safety Initiatives Budget was made to each school to assist them to promote and continue to work on their campaigns to prevent prejudice, tackle hate crime and promote community cohesion.
16. **National Crime Beat Awards (£500)** - As reported at the March 2016 Community Safety Committee, there were a record number of seven Nottinghamshire nominations to the

National Crime Beat Awards this year. Whilst none of the entries made it to the national finals in March, the Worksop based “The Girl in the Room with the Box” film project received a commendation.

17. The video has created a lot of interest from being used internally within the county council’s youth service, to schools and organisations that provide training for workers that work with young people, and also featured in the media. The video can be used to look at any aspect of online grooming and exploitation, and was filmed to work with young people in the late primary early senior school age range. A contribution of £500 from the Community Safety Initiatives Budget has enabled DVD copies of the film to be distributed to schools within the county.

Drug Testing Machine (Bassetlaw and Newark & Sherwood CSP): (£27,000)

18. A contribution of £27,000 has been made from the Community Safety Initiatives Budget towards an innovative new drug testing machine to be hosted and maintained by Bassetlaw and Newark and Sherwood Community Safety Partnership (CSP). The machine will be used by Nottinghamshire Police and CSP partners in the Bassetlaw and Newark and Sherwood CSP areas including the County Council’s Trading Standards & Community Safety Service.

19. The lightweight, portable desktop system can detect trace amounts of residue from narcotics and explosives on skin, clothing, parcels, bags, cargo, vehicles and other surfaces. It allows front line officers to quickly and accurately collect and identify bulk amounts of narcotics (including a number of new psychoactive substances) in the field. Certified in the UK for criminal evidential use the machine is designed to realize cost savings and operational efficiencies through the simplification of casework and reduced need for laboratory identification services.

20. The drug testing system will prove invaluable to all agencies working together to tackle the growing problem of New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) within the County. The supply of NPS will be banned by new legislation being introduced this spring. The drug testing machine can also be used to help with the enforcement of future Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) which have been proven successful in controlling the possession of NPS in town centre areas elsewhere in the country that are subject to the PSPO. The machine, which can detect a wide range of drugs, also has wider potential uses including supporting night time venues to control drug use on their premises.

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21. The total funding available within the Community Safety Initiatives budget for 2016/17 is **£212,380.**

Vulnerable Persons Panels: Social Worker (up to £32,000)

22. It is proposed that a contribution of up to £32,000 from the 2016-17 Community Safety Initiatives Budget is used to cover the 10.5 months’ salary and associated costs from April 2016 to mid-February 2017 for the temporary social worker (see paragraphs 6 and 7 above). A further contribution from the Police and Crime Commissioner’s allocation

towards work to support Vulnerable People within the County is also being sought to supplement the funding for the post in 2016-17.

23. The social worker will attend Vulnerable Persons Panels to make recommendations about how vulnerable people who do not meet the social care eligibility criteria can be supported. For those individuals eligible for social care the worker will make the appropriate referral. In order to explore where service gaps are the worker will also hold a small number of high complexity cases from different districts. The social worker will work with other partner agencies and stakeholders to make recommendations about the support provided to vulnerable people going forward.

Contribution to the work of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board: Locality Working (£100,000)

24. The work of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board is a mix of locality based actions across the four Community Safety Partnerships within the County and a range of thematic county-wide projects, covering such issues as Hate Crime, Vulnerable People, Domestic Abuse, Substance Misuse, Crime in Rural Areas and Youth Issues.
25. To fund this work in 2016/2017 the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has pledged a total grant offer of £737,038 of which £285,000 will be allocated to locality working. In addition the PCC will invest up to £480,412 into domestic abuse support services and up to £322,711 into substances misuse support services in Nottinghamshire in 2016-17.
26. It is proposed that a contribution of £100,000 be made from the Community Safety Initiatives budget towards locality working to supplement the £285,000 contribution from the PCC.

Other Options Considered

27. There will be other options for use of the 2016/17 community safety initiatives budget and proposed spends of the remaining **£105,380** balance will be the subject of future reports to the Community Safety Committee.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

28. 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.

29. 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

30. The payments totalling **£47,622** have been met from within the Community Safety Initiatives Budget for 2015/2016.

31. The proposed **£132,000** can be met from within the Community Safety Initiatives Budget for 2016/2017.

RECOMMENDATION/S:

- 1)** That Members note the final spend of **£47,622** from the Community Safety Initiatives Budget for 2015/2016.
- 2)** That Members approve the proposed spends from the Community Safety Initiatives Budget for 2016/2017:
 - a. Vulnerable Persons Panels: Social Worker (**up to £32,000**)
 - b. Contribution to the work of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board: Locality Working (**£100,000**)

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Constitutional Comments (EP 4/4/16)

The recommendations fall within the remit of the Community Safety Committee by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (KAS/15/04/16)

The financial implications are contained within paragraphs 30 and 31 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)

- All