

22 July 2014

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 funds from the Community Safety Budget for 2014/2015 to support a Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) (up to £5,000) and a multi-agency fly-grazing intervention (up to £1,500).

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 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 2014-15 are summarised in the following table:

Total Community Safety “Initiatives” budget for 2014/15:	£262,379*
Total committed so far:	
Contribution to the work of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB)	£140,000
Victims Support’s Young Witness Service	£7,500
Vehicle Nuisance at Junction 27 – Preparing for injunctive action	£3,500
Gating Orders contingency	£2,000
“In our Hands” (Holocaust education)	£15,000
“I Pledge to Keep on Track” (Youth Crime Prevention Programme)	£25,000
Contribution to Crime-stoppers Cannabis Awareness campaign	£2,000
Rural Crime project	£3,300
Equalities Work (expansion of Show Racism the Red Card etc)	£6,000
Remaining balance for other initiatives	£58,079

Domestic Homicide Review, Mansfield (Up to £5,000)

4. Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) are a relatively new process required by law since April 2011. Eleven DHRs have been started in Nottinghamshire since April 2011, involving a range of Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB) partner agencies. It is the responsibility of the appropriate Community Safety Partnership chair to lead on the co-ordination and administration of the DHR process. Recommendations agreed by Safer Nottinghamshire Board on June 15 2012 about the DHR process included: *“That Independent Chairs and Independent Authors be appointed for each DHR to mirror best practice in relation to Serious Case Reviews and that all Responsible Authorities of the Community Safety Partnerships agree to share the cost of funding an Independent Chair and Author as each DHR arises.”*
5. As the County Council's contribution, in July 2012 the Community Safety Committee approved £10,000 from the Community Safety Budget 2012-13 as contingency funding to support DHRs required during the financial year 2012-13. In the financial year 2013-14 a further £10,000 was committed from the Community Safety budget to support DHRs.
6. A request has been received from the Mansfield & Ashfield Community Safety Partnership for the County Council to support the cost of a DHR currently in process.

Fly Grazing (Up to £1,500)

7. Fly grazing is the activity of leaving animals (generally horses) to graze on private or public land without the owners' permission. The practice can prove to be a risk to public safety in certain cases when animals are tethered close to major busy roads. Officers are involved in a multi-agency response to tackle such a fly-grazing problem in Bassetlaw. The cost of dealing with the problem is estimated to be £2,000 to £3,000. This report proposes that a contribution of up to £1,500 be made from the Community Safety initiatives budget to underwrite half the costs of dealing with the problem.

Other Options Considered

8. Match funding will be provided from the Mansfield & Ashfield Community Safety Partnership reserves for the DHR and Nottinghamshire County Council Estates Management budget for the fly grazing issue.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

9. There have been recognisable benefits from previous DHRs that have had a positive impact on victims in the future. There is a potential risk to public safety from not tackling the fly grazing issue in Bassetlaw.

Statutory and Policy Implications

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.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) It is recommended that Members approve the following proposed contributions from the initiatives element of the Community Safety Budget for 2014/2015:
 - i) up to £5,000 to support this Domestic Homicide Review
 - ii) up to £1,500 to support the multi-agency fly grazing intervention.

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Constitutional Comments (KK 09/07/14)

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

Financial Comments (SEM 02/07/14)

The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Papers

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.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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