

25 November 2014

Agenda Item:4

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 £3,000 from the Community Safety Budget for 2014/2015 to support Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue's Bicycle Project.

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
Fly Grazing	£1,500
Domestic Homicide Reviews	£5,000
National Scams Hub List: Joint work with Nottinghamshire Police	£20,000
Promoting Community Cohesion	£7,000
Remaining balance for other initiatives	£24,579

Bassetlaw and Newark Bicycle Project

- 4 The Bicycle Project is a joint community project between Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service and the Bassetlaw Newark and Sherwood Community Safety Partnership. It has been a success in Bircotes and on the Sandy Lane estate in Worksop over the last two years and this autumn it is being extended to the Manton estate. Young people have the opportunity to have their bicycles fixed and learn new skills as part of the project.
- 5 The initiative not only helps young people to work with the fire fighters to get their bikes fixed so that they can learn new skills, but it also boosts their self-esteem and confidence. The initiative attracted around 40 young people in Sandy Lane and a similar number are sought in Manton.
- 6 The project was launched in partnership with the County Council's Targeted Support team and the local Community Safety Partnership's Partnership Plus scheme to give children and young people the chance to learn about the important work of the fire service. There has also been support from local businesses.
- 7 It is proposed to extend this beneficial programme to a number of additional Fire Stations across Nottinghamshire to build upon its popularity and the impact it is having on levels of anti-social behaviour in local communities. These will be chosen from the current Partnership Plus areas assessed by priority need.

Other Options Considered

- 8 A further evaluation of the scheme will be undertaken after this proposed expansion to look into the viability of extending the project to the remaining stations in Nottinghamshire.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

- 9 It has been shown that the Bicycle Project can help to reduce incidents of antisocial behaviour in local areas and reduce incidents of secondary and unwanted fire calls in the community

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, 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

11. The financial implications are set out in the report and the £3,000 request can be met from the remaining budget as shown in paragraph 3.

RECOMMENDATION/S

12. It is recommended that Members approve the proposed contribution of £3,000 from the initiatives element of the Community Safety Budget for 2014/2015 to support the extension of the Bicycle Project across Nottinghamshire.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 13/11/14)

13. The recommendations in the report fall within the Terms of Reference of the Community Safety Committee.

Financial Comments (KAS 17/11/14)

14. The financial implications are contained within paragraph 11 of 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.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All.