

10 November 2015

Agenda Item: 5

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR SOUTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND PUBLIC PROTECTION.

COMMUNITY SAFETY BUDGET UPDATE: REQUEST FOR FUNDING.

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval for committing a total of £14,500 funding from the Community Safety Initiatives Budget for 2015/16 to:
 - a. Fund the “Anne Frank + You” Exhibition as part of our on-going anti-bullying, hate crime, community cohesion and anti-discrimination work (£2,500).
 - b. Contribute further funding to work to strengthen the county’s Vulnerable Person Panel’s capability in responding to cases involving a mental health dimension. (£12,000)

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:

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 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
Gating Orders: Legal Advice	£2,000
Vehicle Nuisance: Junction 27 CCTV camera maintenance	£3,118

"Virtual Justice" project: Cyber crime	£12,500
"Respect and Tolerance" programme: Dragons Den 7	£7,000
Child Sexual Exploitation via Social Media	£10,000
Crime in Rural Areas strategy and action plan	£5,000
Mass marketing scams: further joint work with Notts Police	up to £20,000
Vulnerable Person Panels: Mental Health representation	£20,000
Alliance Against Violence campaign	up to £5,000
Community Cohesion	£10,000
Remaining balance for other initiatives	£32,762

Anne Frank Exhibition (£2,500).

4. From the 6-26 November, the Council will be hosting the exciting and extremely thought provoking "Anne Frank + You" Exhibition as part of our on-going anti-bullying, hate crime, community cohesion and anti-discrimination work. The main exhibition will be held at Mansfield Central Library, and a smaller satellite exhibition will be hosted by the DH Lawrence Heritage Centre in Eastwood. The exhibitions are open to school and youth groups as well as the general public and admission is free.
5. The public launch will take place to coincide with the anniversary of 'Kristallnacht - The Night of Broken Glass' and the focus throughout the month will be "learning lessons from history to find solutions to contemporary issues". The main exhibition features an historical section which includes a replica of the teenage Anne's room, where she lived whilst she and her family were in hiding from the Nazis, having fled Germany to Amsterdam.
6. There are also a number of contemporary panels which explore themes such as racism in football and wider society; the courage of individuals such as Malala Yousafzai and the family of murdered teenager Stephen Lawrence; and an exploration of the genocides which took place in Bosnia and Kosovo as recent as the 1990s. Given recent media coverage of the Syrian refugee crisis, the exhibition is especially poignant and will hopefully give Nottinghamshire residents and visitors time to reflect on the kind of society we want to live in culminating in the Anne Frank "Not Silent" pledge.
7. School and youth groups will attend a bespoke workshop following a guided tour of the exhibition and it is hoped that the experience will act as a stimulus for longer term work designed to encourage young people to stand up against prejudice and hatred in all its forms.
8. Bringing together School Improvement, Community Safety, Anti-bullying, Youth Arts and the Youth Service alongside Libraries, the voluntary sector, the police and several district councils the exhibition aims to have maximum impact. NCC employees are also being encouraged to visit the exhibition and spread the word amongst friends and family. This represents a unique opportunity for Nottinghamshire and promises to have a lasting impact on all those who visit.

Vulnerable Person Panels: Mental Health representation (£12,000)

9. At the July 2015 Community Safety Committee approval was given for a contribution of £20,000 funding from the community safety initiatives budget for 2015-16 to fund work to

strengthen the county's Vulnerable Person Panels' (VPPs) capability in responding to cases involving a mental health dimension. This supplemented a £13,300 contribution from the Nottinghamshire Officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner. As indicated in that report match funding is subsequently been sought from other partner organisations. To date we have been unsuccessful in securing any additional match funding but that process is ongoing.

10. As a first step in improving the mental health representation at VPPs it is proposed to second an experienced social worker with a mental health background into the Community Safety team for a 12 months period.
11. This person will be able to attend Vulnerable Person 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.
12. It is also intended that, in order to explore where service gaps are, a small number of cases will be held of high complexity and from different districts. The post holder will work with partners and other stakeholders, including the Safer Nottinghamshire Board and the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board, to make recommendations about the support provided to vulnerable people going forward.
13. The salary and related costs for this Band B social worker role for 12 months are £45,300. A further £12,000 is sought from the community safety initiatives budget to fund this role.

Other Options Considered

14. There will be other options for use of the community safety initiatives budget and proposed spends of the remaining **£18,262** balance will be the subject of future reports to the Community Safety Committee.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

15. 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.

16. 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

17. The requests totalling £14,500 can all be met from within the Community Safety Initiatives budget.

RECOMMENDATION/S

18. That the following contributions be made from the Community Safety Initiatives Budget for 2015/16:
 - a) Anne Frank Exhibition (£2,500)
 - b) Vulnerable Person Panels: Mental Health representation ((£12,000)

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 20/10/2015)

Community Safety Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (MM 30/10/2015)

The financial implications are contained within paragraph 17 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

- All