

1st March 2016

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 £1,000 from the Community Safety initiatives budget for a pedestrian safety barrier in Hucknall.

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 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	up to £20,000
Vulnerable Person Panels: Mental Health representation	£20,000
Tackling violence	up to £5,000

Integrated and cohesive communities	£10,000
Anne Frank Exhibition	£2,500
Vulnerable Persons Panels: Social Worker Post	£12,000
Installation of Pedestrian Guardrail (Worksop)	£4,200
Installation of motorcycle barrier (Retford)	£4,200
Remaining balance for other initiatives	£13,862

(*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)

Installation of Pedestrian Safety Barrier (Hucknall) (£1,000)

4. Nottinghamshire County Council has received a petition from residents living near the Belvoir Street area of Hucknall. The subject of this petition are concerns about the improper use of a pedestrian alley connecting Belvoir Street with Coniston Way. Motorbikes are being ridden down this alley causing understandable concern for the safety of legitimate users.
5. Due to the level of usage, including as a route to school, gating is not being sought by local residents as a response rather a barrier that will allow mobility scooters and prams to pass but will require motorbike riders to at least slow down.
6. Barriers have been used effectively elsewhere in the county for similar issues and therefore £1,000 is requested from the Community Safety initiatives budget to fund these works at this site.

Other Options Considered

7. There will be other options for use of the community safety initiatives budget and proposed spends of the remaining £12,862 balance will be the subject of future reports to the Community Safety Committee.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

8. 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.

9. 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

10. The £1,000 can be met from within the Community Safety Initiatives Budget.

RECOMMENDATION/S:

11. It is recommended that Members approve the proposed contribution of £1,000 from the Community Safety Initiatives budget for 2015/16 for a pedestrian safety barrier in Hucknall.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 28/01/2016)

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

Financial Comments (KAS 02/02/2016)

The financial implications are contained within paragraph 10 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)

- Ashfield