



REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Meeting: Police & Crime Panel

Date of Meeting: 15th April 2013

Report of: The Chief Finance Officer

TITLE: The Community Safety Partnership Fund 2013-14

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform members of the Commissioner's Community Safety Partnership Fund – its value and its purpose.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the report

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Police and Crime Panel have a responsibility to review key decisions taken by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

4. SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

- 4.1 Members will be aware that as part of the Grant settlement from the Home Office a number of funding streams came to an end at 31st March 2013.
- 4.2 The Home Office were reluctant to provide details on the projects that they had supported in 2012-13 and the total value of that support. It was only through dialogue with local authority partners and third sector organisations that we were able to put the information together.
- 4.3 In total the Home Office had previously provided Nottinghamshire based organisations with over £3.6m in funding for projects such as: Drug Intervention Programme, Drug Intervention, Youth Crime & substance Misuse Prevention, Positive Futures, Ending Gang & Youth Violence and Communities against Guns, Gangs & Knives.
- 4.4 As part of the grant settlement for the Police & Crime Commissioner the Home Office combined the value of these grants and created a Community Safety Grant

for the Commissioner to spend as a new fund on the initiatives that were considered a priority for Nottinghamshire. The total grant allocated for 2013-14 was £2.8m, significantly less than the 2012-13 allocation.

- 4.5 The Commissioner is committed to ensuring that Community Safety Partnerships, third sector organisations and other groups that had received funding in 2012-13 continued to receive the same level of support in 2013-14. It was therefore decided to mainstream in the police budget the expenditure relating to the Drug Testing Programme Grant. This made up the shortfall in relation to other projects. Totalling £3.0m.
- 4.6 The Commissioner is putting in place two commissioning contracts – one with the Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership and one with the Safer Nottinghamshire Partnership Board to provide the continued funding to these projects and monitor their achievement against outcomes and the Police & Crime Plan priorities.
- 4.7 In addition, the Commissioner has set aside £0.5m to establish a community safety partnership fund. This money will be used to award small grants and support larger commissioned contracts as identified in paragraph 4.9.
- 4.8 In relation to the smaller grants (amounts up to £25,000) this has been launched by the Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner and it is intended that the grants will be awarded, after evaluation in June. These should total £150,000.
- 4.9 Work is well underway in relation to the targeted commissioning contracts and the following areas for commissioning are being developed:
 - Better support for victims and witnesses
 - Domestic Violence – medium risk repeats
 - Young People and Restorative Justice
 - Combat anti-social behaviour
 - Reduce girls involvement in gangs
 - Alcohol Strategy

It is hoped that these projects will be jointly commissioned contracts involving more than one agency.

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| 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION |
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- 5.1 A total of £3.5m has been included in the Police & Crime Commissioners budget with an income of £2.8m in grants from the Home Office.

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| 6. HR IMPLICATIONS |
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- 6.1 None as a direct result of this report. However, there could be a resourcing issue in managing the grants and commissioning grants as the process develops.

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| 7. ORGANISATIONAL RISKS |
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- 7.1 None as a result of this report.

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| 8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LINKS TO POLICE & CRIME PLAN PRIORITIES |
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- 8.1 This is new policy and the application form and guidance have been developed to ensure compliance with legal financial and statutory requirements, thereby ensuring good governance.

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| 9. DETAILS OF CONSULTATION |
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- 9.1 As part of identifying all potential funding streams in 2012-13 all partners and organisations receiving funding have been consulted with and assurances given in relation to 2013-14 funding.

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| 10. BACKGROUND PAPERS AND RELEVANT PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS |
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- 10.1 Smaller grants application forms and guidance notes have been published and are available on the Police & Crime Commissioners website (**attached as an appendix to this report**).

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