

10 June 2014

Agenda Item: 10

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR ACCESS AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

COMMUNITY SAFETY BUDGET UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide an update for Members about the Community Safety budget for 2013/2014, and to seek approval of committing from the Community Safety Budget for 2014/2015 (£6,000).

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 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
Remaining balance for other initiatives	£64,079

- 4 *The total Initiatives budget figure of £442,000 in the Community Safety Budget Expenditure report presented at the April 2014 Community Safety Committee meeting was queried at the meeting by the Committee Chairman. Subsequent checks by Finance Officers have confirmed that that figure was incorrect (due to cost coding errors between the staffing and initiatives sections of the Community Safety Budget) and the correct figure is **£262,379** as given above.

Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB): Spend Plan for 2014/15.

- 5 The table below gives details of the SNB Spend Plan for 2014/15 as presented at the Safer Nottinghamshire Board meeting on 21st March 2014:

Income	
Police & Crime Commissioner Grant	£1,300,000
Nottinghamshire County Council Contribution	£140,000
TOTAL	£1,440,000
Proposed Expenditure:	
Hate Crime (thematic)	£35,000
Domestic Violence (thematic)	£35,000
Drug Intervention Programme	£632,769
Youth Justice Grant	£156,000
Positive Futures (review phase)	£12,231
Restorative Justice	£50,000
Priority Wards (which make up the Priority Plus Areas): Top 15 + 3 discretionary @ £28,833	£519,000
TOTAL	£1,440,000

Show Racism the Red Card and related Equalities Work

- 6 At the April 2014 Community Safety Committee Sarah Lee, Team Manager Achievement & Equalities Team gave a presentation about the successful Show Racism the Red Card schools competition (2013/14). For 2014/15 Sarah's team, working with partner agencies, has plans to expand the project to cover other protected characteristics and to carry out related equalities work. Sarah is currently working on a detailed project proposal. This report seeks approval in principle for a £6,000 contribution from the Community Safety Initiatives budget towards this important equalities work.

Other Options Considered

- 7 Match funding will also be sought from other sources to support this equalities work.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

- 8 Reducing Hate Crime and increasing the reporting of Hate Crime remains a key Community Safety priority for the County Council and for the Safer Nottinghamshire Board.

Statutory and Policy Implications

- 9 This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service 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) That Members note the update information regarding the “Initiatives” element of the Community Safety budget for 2014/2015.
- 2) That Members approve the proposed contribution of £6,000 from the “Initiatives” element of the Community Safety Budget for 2014/2015 to expand the Show Racism the Red Card project and to cover related equalities work.

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Constitutional Comments (NAB 02/06/14)

- 10 Community Safety Committee has authority to consider and approve the recommendations set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (SEM 02/06/14)

- 11 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

