

14th June 2016

Agenda Item: 4

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 **£22,680** funding from the Community Safety Initiatives Budget for 2016/17.

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 approved to date from the “initiatives” element of the Community Safety Budget for 2016/17 are summarised in the following table:

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| The total funding available within the Community Safety Initiatives budget for 2016/17 is: | £212,380 |
| Funding from the OPCC for the Community Safety Team acting as the “Accountable Body” for the grant received from the OPCC*. | £25,000 |
| Total | £237,380 |
| Vulnerable Persons Panels: Social Worker | (up to) £32,000 |
| Contribution to the work of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board: Locality Working | £100,000 |
| Current balance | £105,380 |

(*£25,000 received from the Office of the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for acting as the “Accountable Body” for the grant received from OPCC. Monitoring and co-ordinating use of this funding, ensuring maximum impact by effective interface with other funding sources. Providing lead officer support to SNB Champions for priority thematic/geographic work areas. Providing communication messages as appropriate.)

The Heartstone Odyssey - A new Cohesion and Integration Project for Schools and their Communities (£5,000)

4. Various Community Safety initiatives previously supported by this committee have received national recognition e.g. Dragons Den, Anne Frank exhibition, "I-Pledge To Keep on Track" and "Take Five", hence the approach made by Heartstone to deliver the 'Heartstone Odyssey' project across the County.
5. Heartstone, is a non-profit national organisation which uses story fiction, photo-documentary and historically based story themes, to raise social and environmental issues with children and young people. All Heartstone stories are intended to help build greater contact, communication and understanding across different nationalities, cultures and backgrounds, to recognise the common human experience and see past stereotypes and prejudice.
6. 'The Heartstone Odyssey' was Heartstone's first story and helped to found the organisation in 1990. The Heartstone Odyssey' project follows out of a fantasy story centred on a female heroine, and documents her quest to overcome intolerance, prejudice and racism in collaboration.
7. The Odyssey book is designed for 8-12 year olds, an addictive epic adventure story in its own right which works on different levels, equally appealing to adults given the issues it covers and historical context. It has secured the interest of Barrie Osborne, producer of the Lord of the Rings trilogy, who is currently working on taking the story to the big screen as a major motion picture series produced as a collaborative project between the UK, India, the US and New Zealand.
8. If approved, The Community Safety Team, Equality and Diversity Team and County Youth Arts and Inspire will work together with Heartstone to co-ordinate the ten participating schools across the county in having the 10 groups in place ready for an autumn start. Heartstone can bring £5,000 match funding for each £5,000 input from an area.
9. In Nottinghamshire the Community Safety team are working with County Youth Arts to bring the project to groups of disabled young people, as well as working with schools recruited to participate in June in Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month to build on the theme of tackling prejudice and celebrating diversity.
10. The Community Safety Team, Equality and Diversity Team and County Youth Arts and Inspire will work together to co-ordinate the participating groups locally, where the project happens in their individual locations. There will be a follow up session and a final event when all the individual exhibitions created by the groups will be brought together for a 'celebration'.
11. The Community Safety Team will report back to this committee about progress and evaluation of the project.

Safer Nottinghamshire Board Workshop (£680)

12. The Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB) is the county-wide executive group responsible for the strategic direction and partnership focus to tackle crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the County, promoting community safety and Nottinghamshire as a "safe"

County. The SNB is chaired by the Chief Executive of the County Council. The SNB is currently being reviewed in order to ensure that it remains fit for purpose and as effective as possible in the changing community safety landscape.

13. An integral part of this review will be a workshop where members of SNB can explore the developing potential and benefits of better integrated services for community safety issues, enabling all partners to offer an improved service to the communities of Nottinghamshire. The workshop will look at the principles of integrated working and ascertain the pathways required for the engagement and agreement of partners to achieve the benefits that come from this approach.
14. The workshop will be held on 15 July 2016, and as a key member of SNB the Chair of this Committee will attend.
15. In order to facilitate the operation of this workshop, key to establishing the future direction of activity to improve community safety in Nottinghamshire, a contribution of £680 from the initiatives element of the Community Safety Budget for 2016/17 is sought.
16. The outcomes of the review of SNB will be reported to this committee later in the year.

Dragon's Den Style Project 8 (£3,500)

17. The Community Safety Committee have been advocates of the Dragons Den initiative for several years. This year's Dragon's Den Style Project 8 will focus on promoting emotional and physical health, well-being and build resilience to tackle vulnerability and prevent a range of crimes, including bullying and particularly cyber- bullying, and keep young people safe in the real world and online.
18. The need for this project has been identified through the findings of the Nottinghamshire Cyber-survey 2015 and feedback from young people and teachers who have previously participated in Dragon's Den Style Projects.
19. Six Academies from Ashfield have been recruited to participate, inviting year 10 students to promote emotional health, well-being and build resilience and peer support, to prevent crimes such as; bullying, cyber-bullying, relationship abuse, and child sexual exploitation and hate crime. The aims of this project are to:
 - Raise the confidence levels and knowledge base of teaching staff to increase their capacity to address issues around emotional health, well-being and to build resilience;
 - Raise students' awareness of the importance of self-care and personal resilience and resilience across their school and their local community;
 - Assist teachers within the schools to provide support to the teams of students to work on their own ideas in terms of adopting a problem solving approach to promote emotional health, well- being and build resilience across their school and community, to prevent a range of negative behaviours and potential crimes;
 - Increase self-care, emotional well-being and capacity and resilience amongst students enabling them to design a peer support approach/ campaign for their school.
20. The request of £3,500 will contribute to the costs of providing teacher training, student workshops and the celebration event, which will be held in 2017. Match funding of £3,500 for

the project will be provided by the Office of the Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner.

Promoting Community Cohesion (£10,000)

21. Building cohesive, confident and stronger communities is especially important within the current climate. The Community & Voluntary Sector team has been working with different communities across Nottinghamshire to help support local activities which promote community cohesion. These activities bring individuals together to celebrate the uniqueness of localities by helping to encourage and empower communities to take ownership and pride in the places they live and the people they live with. Examples of this include:

- Promoting intergeneration projects
- Supporting Eastern European family events
- Supporting cultural events
- Contributing to LGTB activity

22. A request for £10,000 from the initiatives budget for 2016/17 is being made to continue this work. The aim is to help to create a common shared vision and sense of belonging to support:

- People from different backgrounds to have similar life opportunities
- People to understand and know their rights and responsibilities
- People to trust one another and trust local institutions to act fairly
- A focus on what new and existing communities have in common, alongside a recognition of the value of diversity
- Strong and positive relationships between people from different backgrounds.

Hawtonville Community (£3,500)

23. Following publication of Hawtonville Neighbourhood Study, officers from Newark and Sherwood District Council approached Nottinghamshire County Council's Community and Voluntary Sector team requesting support for the Neighbourhood Partnership in enhancing community development through a multi-agency approach which develops capacity in the community prior to a more sustainable capital investments in local facilities. The key themes arising from the study and which will inform the partnerships 3 year delivery plan include:

- Image and Safety
- Community spirit, good neighbours, health, lifestyle and supporting the young and older generation
- Strong learning culture and opportunity for all

24. A key concern is the lack of capacity within the community to engage and to mitigate this the partnership is currently in the process of recruiting a Community Development Worker for the area. The role of this worker will include being a trusted visual presence, prompting participation, identifying local champions to lead a community group to deliver community activities and to support the management of the community centre.

25. As part of a multi-agency approach it is recommended that the Community Safety Committee makes contributions from the community safety initiatives budget of £3,500 for 2016/17 and £3,500 for 2017/18. Additional support will be provided by the C&VS team which includes plans to regenerate local community facilities including Hawtonville Community Centre via an application to Reaching Communities Fund (Lottery) to undertake refurbishment of the community centre.

Other Options Considered

26. There will be other options for use of the 2016/17 community safety initiatives budget and proposed spends of the remaining **£82,700** balance will be the subject of future reports to the Community Safety Committee.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

27. 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.

28. 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

29. The proposed **£22,680** can be met from within the Community Safety Initiatives Budget for 2016/17.

RECOMMENDATION/S:

30. That Members approve the proposed spends from the Community Safety Initiatives Budget for 2016/2017:

- a) The Heartstone Odyssey - A new Cohesion and Integration Project for Schools and their Communities (£5,000)
- b) Safer Nottinghamshire Board Workshop (£680)
- c) Dragons Den 8 (£3,500)

- d) Promoting Community Cohesion (£10,000)
- e) Hawtonville Community (£3,500)

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31. For any enquiries about this report please contact: Sarah Houlton, Team Manager Trading Standards & Community Safety x 72460 or Yvette Armstrong, Community Safety Officer, Trading Standards & Community Safety x 73058.

Constitutional Comments (KK 25/05/2016)

The proposals in this report are within the remit of the Community Safety Committee.

Financial Comments (KAS 26/05/2016)

The financial implications are contained within paragraph 29 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.

- Minutes of the Safer Notts Board meeting 8th April 2016.
- PCC Grant Thornton Review of Community Safety 2015

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s)

All