



Meeting	Cabinet	
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Report of the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Partnerships

Financial Support for Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships

Purpose of Report

1. This report seeks Cabinet approval for the funding (to be allocated from the Safer Communities Budget) that the County Council intends to provide in order to support the co-ordination of Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships and specific work that they commission to tackle crime and anti social behaviour.

Advice and Information

Funding for Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships

2. The seven Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs) bring together all the relevant agencies in the County with an interest in reducing crime and disorder to develop strategies and action plans which will achieve that goal. The CDRPs are based at district level and are hosted by the local district council, but are not part of the district council. The CDRPs each have a co-ordinator whose role it is to make the partnership work.
3. The County Council financially supports the salary of the co-ordinators. In 2006/2007 Nottinghamshire County Council intends to pay up to £14,000 to each CDRP to support the essential co-ordination of the partnerships, while other partners such as district councils and Police also contribute. The County Council is currently withholding the £14,000 for Bassetlaw CDRP pending a decision whether to fill the currently vacant post of Community Safety Officer.
4. Currently there is work being undertaken to merge some of the CDRPs so that they cover more than one district council area. Any amalgamation of CDRPs will require Secretary of State approval which has not been given to date. Additionally, the government is currently reviewing the Crime and Disorder Act and this, with the Local Government Review makes the future shape and size of CDRPs uncertain. Future funding for the CDRPs will need to be considered in the light of these possible changes.

Funding Work to Reduce Crime and Anti Social Behaviour in Nottinghamshire

5. The County Council is also committed to supporting CDRPs to tackle specific crime issues at local level, especially those that impact on strategic Local Area Agreement outcomes and indicators. Domestic violence and anti social behaviour are both

being prioritised for support through county council funding and it is anticipated that up to £50,000 will be allocated to each CDRP from the Safer Communities Budget in 2006/7 and 2007/8 to enable local activity to take place. The actual contribution to each CDRP is yet to be determined. The second year's funding will be on the basis of a satisfactory report on the first year's work. Individual reports on the outcomes of the first year for each CDRP will be brought before the Portfolio holder for Community Safety and Partnerships for approval.

6. The potential level of funding to each of the CDRPs from the Safer Communities Budget will, therefore, be over the £50,000 threshold which requires Cabinet approval. The maximum contribution, with one exception, to any one CDRP in any one year, would be £64,000. The exception is Ashfield CDRP which will be receiving a maximum of £114,000 due to an existing agreement to joint-fund the Ashfield Neighbourhood Warden Service up to 31st March 2008. See Table 1 at Appendix A. It is proposed that the actual contributions will be reported back to the Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Partnerships.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, crime and disorder and users. Where such implications are material, they have been brought out in the text of this report.

Crime & Disorder Implications

8. The County Council as a statutory partner under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 has a duty to work with partners in the police, the health service, fire authority district councils and voluntary sector to reduce the impact of crime and disorder, including car crime.

Recommendations

9. It is recommended that:
 - (a) Cabinet approve grants of £14,000 to each of the seven district/borough councils towards the post of CDRP co-ordinator in each of the seven CDRPs for the years 2006/2007 and 2007/2008, payments in 2007/2008 being subject to review if structural changes to the operation of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships are brought in as a result of the review of the Crime and Disorder Act and/or the Local Government Review. The payment to Bassetlaw being conditional on the appointment of a Community Safety Officer in the district.
 - (b) The principle of grants to each of the seven district/borough councils towards the commissioning of specific work to tackle crime and anti social behaviour in the seven CDRPs in 2006/2007 and 2007/2008, subject to:
 - actual financial contributions being no more than £50,000 per CDRP per annum, with the exception of Ashfield for which approval for a payment of

£100,000 per annum over the two years has already been agreed by Cabinet (11/1/06),

- details of the specific funding arrangements up to the maximum of £50,000 per CDR per annum being approved by the Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Partnerships,
- the funding for anti social behaviour work in year 2007/2008 is subject to satisfactory performance in 2006/2007.

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Legal Services Comments

This decision falls within the delegation to Cabinet [SSR 23.8.06]

Strategic Director (Resources) Financial Comments (C.C. P.B.)

As indicated the funding of these proposals will come out of the Safer Communities Budget within the Community Safety & Partnerships Portfolio.

Electoral Division(s) Affected

All

Background Papers Available for Inspection

None.

APPENDIX A

Table 1
Financial Support to District/Borough Councils for Crime and Disorder
Reduction Partnerships
Funding for 2006/2007 and 2007/2008

CDRP Seeking Funding	CDRP Co-ordinator Funding	Approved/Needing Approval	Funding for ASB Work/per annum	Approved/Needing Approval
Ashfield	£14k	Needing approval	£100,000	Approved by Cabinet Report 11/1/06
Mansfield	£14k	Needing approval	To be decided - less than £50k	Needing approval
Gedling	£14k	Needing approval	To be decided - less than £50k	Needing approval
Bassetlaw	£14k	Payment conditional on Bassetlaw CDRP appointing a Community Safety Officer	To be decided - less than £50k	Needing approval
Newark & Sherwood	£14k	Needing approval	£49,700	Deputy Leader Approved 3.8.06 CC/2006/00137
Rushcliffe	£14k	Needing approval	To be decided - less than £50k	Needing approval
Broxtowe	£14k	Needing approval	£47,000	Needing approval – report to Portfolio Holder 11/8/06

NB All funding will be made to the relevant district or borough council for both the co-ordinator funding and the ASB work