

8th November 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 a total of **£12,500** 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:

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
The Heartstone Odyssey	£5,000
Safer Nottinghamshire Board Workshop	£680
Dragon’s Den Style Project 8	£3,750
Promoting Community Cohesion	£10,000

Hawtonville Community	£3,500
Contribution towards the Complex Needs Worker/Homelessness Support in Newark	£5,000
Commemoration Event – Battle of the Somme	£300
Video Conferencing Equipment	£5,812
Horse Awareness Campaign	£450
Illegal Fishing Signage	£700
Animal Movements Control (Electronic Identification Devices (EID's))	£1,300
Current Balance	£68,888

(*£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.)

Locality Integrated working - £5,000

4. In January 2016, the Safer Nottinghamshire Board agreed to undertake a review of its role and functionality, in order to ensure its operating arrangements were fit for purpose. The review findings in April 2016, included an emphasis in developing and embedding the principals of more integrated working on a locality basis.
5. Integrated working is a principal achieved through collaboration and co-ordination at all levels, across all services, in both single and multi-agency settings. At an operational level, integrated working is facilitated by adopting common service delivery models, tools and processes.
6. The request for £5,000 is to provide Community Safety Partnerships (CSP's) the support to facilitate workshops in establishing the principals and culture to enable effective integration, and to also identify the key areas for collaboration. The funding requested relates to improving work to reduce the incidence of Domestic and Sexual Abuse.
7. Community Safety Partnership Strategic Groups are the key drivers in linking the policies emanating from Central Government, with the objectives of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board, the Police & Crime Commissioner, and other local commissioned service providers.
8. Therefore, integrated working workshops are seen as the most effective means to work collaboratively with partners to identify obligations, refocus partnership efforts, and reinvigorate strategic membership and engagement.
9. The aim and purpose of integrated workshops is to:
 - Ensure that the best service is delivered locally; and

- Encourage corporate buy-in from a range of agencies on issues important to communities

10. Outcomes and benefits of the integrated workshops will be reported back to this committee and the SNB.

Heartstone Digital in Nottinghamshire - £5,000

11. The Heartstone Odyssey epic adventure book is a story, which is delivered in 3 different formats of fiction, photo documentary and historically based story, which challenges racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance. The Heartstone Odyssey also builds contact, communication and understanding across different nationalities, cultures, races and backgrounds.

12. This project, previously supported by the Community Safety Committee initiatives budget, assisted to deliver the Heartstone project into 10 schools in Nottinghamshire, reaching young people in Years 5 and 6.

13. This further request for £5,000 will act as 'seed funding' to support the following digital extension, which will take advantage of the opportunities the project has already created, and also respond to what the participating schools have indicated they need to maximise the impact to children:

- Develop digital resources as detailed below; and
- Engage with a further block of schools, covering all ages from 9-16, where the new resources can be piloted.

14. The total developmental cost of £15,000 required for this phase will be secured from a variety of partners, including companies, trusts and other funding partners in Nottinghamshire. The funding will cover:

- Production costs for packs for 20 schools (10 existing, and 10 reaching older age groups);
- Delivery of training sessions for 2 schools participating (1 at start of project, and 1 midway through); and
- Final evaluation for circulation.

15. **Timetable** - Work on this project will start immediately, as it is the intention is to have sufficient initial development work undertaken by the time of a House of Commons event taking place on November 15 2016, when the Heartstone Odyssey is being showcased.

16. This is a unique and timely opportunity to secure profile at a national level, and will be the start of development of a resource made in Nottinghamshire with major potential for use in schools nationwide.

17. **Sustainability** - The intention is to ensure the project is sustainable, as it is delivered by the class teachers themselves, not by an outside agency, thus allowing the project to be repeated with subsequent classes.

18. The digital version has been identified by teachers as something which could greatly enhance their role and the project's sustainability.
19. It is hoped that additional funding can be secured from partners in the County for the staging of a major conference event. It is hoped that this would take place at the end of the summer term or early in the autumn term of 2017, to highlight this project to new authorities, to the Home Office, the Department for Education, and the Department for Communities and Local Government.

Virtual Reality Goggles for Road Traffic Collision Reduction - £2,500

20. Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service (NFRS) currently works with a number of agencies in order to reduce road traffic collision casualties. The service has been focussing on the young driver age group due to the high number of killed and serious injuries (KSI) figures for this age group. The work carried out with the County Road Safety Team and local magistrates on the RTC Awareness days has seen some real impact on the road death figures for the 16 – 24 year old age group over the past two years.
21. In addition to this, NFRS has carried out liaison with the Young Offenders Team in Mansfield and Nottingham, this work takes place in the form of small workshops with young people from extremely socially challenging backgrounds and needs an entirely different approach when engaging with them. We are now looking at widening this experience to engage with young offenders all over Nottinghamshire.
22. In the past, NFRS has often carried out exercises where they get local fire crews to cut apart a car to demonstrate how we rescue trapped casualties. The effectiveness of this is quite limited and it isn't practical for smaller groups of people.
23. NFRS have been given the opportunity to utilise virtual reality headsets in order to give a much more personal experience of how it feels to be involved in a road traffic collision. The technology gives the wearer a totally unique engagement and it gives them a first-hand experience of being involved in a serious crash and the experience of being extricated by firefighters after the crash.
24. The next emerging trend for road deaths within the City and County of Nottinghamshire area is 25 – 34 years age group which have seen a large increase in road deaths in recent history. Many of these road deaths have been connected to distractions behind the wheel of a vehicle and NFRS are currently investigating opportunities to utilise the virtual reality headsets in order to reduce the statistics with this difficult to reach group.
25. NFRS are also engaging with a regional fire service virtual reality working group. This group will focus on opportunities to utilise the same technology to give fire safety training and advice for members of the public. This will enable the service to save lives not only on the roads, but also in the home by means of fire prevention education.
26. The request for £2,500 from the Community Safety Initiatives budget for the purchase of the virtual reality goggles (approx. £450 per pair) will be match funded by a £2,500 contribution from Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service.

Other Options Considered

27. There will be other options for use of the 2016/17 community safety initiatives budget and proposed spends of the remaining balance **£56,388** will be the subject of future reports to the Community Safety Committee.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

28. 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.

29. 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

30. The report proposes total expenditure of £12,500 out of the remaining Community Safety Initiatives budget of £68,888, leaving £56, 388.

RECOMMENDATION/S:

31. That Members approve the following proposed spends of **£10,000** from the Community Safety Initiatives Budget for 2016/2017:
- a. Local Integrated Working - **£5,000**
 - b. Heartstone Digital in Nottinghamshire - **£5,000**
 - c. Virtual Reality Goggles - **£2,500**

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32. For any enquiries about this report please contact: Vicky Cropley, Team Manager Community Safety x 72040, or Yvette Armstrong, Community Safety Officer, Trading Standards & Community Safety x73058.

Constitutional Comments (SLB 27.10.16)

33. Community Safety Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (CT 24.10.16)

34. The financial implications are contained within Paragraph 24 of this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

35. Review of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board: Final Report (August 2016)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s)

36. All