



23 April 2013

Agenda Item: 5

**REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR,
POLICY, PLANNING AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval for the County Council's Community Safety Team to manage, on behalf of Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB), the spend of £1.3M of the Police and Crime Commissioner's funding for community safety work in the County.

Information and Advice

Police and Crime Commissioner Funding

- 2.1 In May 2011 the SNB established a small commissioning group to decide how funding allocated to the partnership from the Home Office, in the form of Community Safety Grant, and the County Council, from the community safety budget, should be spent. As part of this decision the SNB established the principle that the funds available to the county wide partnership should be split on a 70:30 basis between each of the district level Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) and county wide priorities and commissioned through the SNB commissioning group. The CSP funds (a total of £414,000) are allocated equally between the fifteen Partnership Plus Areas identified through the county Strategic Assessment and managed locally by each CSP.
- 2.2 A commissioning framework was agreed for the remaining 30% which recommended allocating resources to areas of community safety concern that presented both high risk and, if not addressed, could result in serious harm.
- 2.3 From April 2013/14 the Home Office funding transferred to Nottinghamshire's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). The PCC has been supportive of the current SNB approach to funding local and countywide initiatives, to the extent that the budget for this activity in 2013/14 remains the same as for 2012/13. The split between funding for Partnership Plus Areas and countywide initiatives will also remain the same at 70:30, with the countywide work being led by the SNB thematic delivery groups.
- 2.4 In addition to funding for community safety work outlined above, a number of areas have been ring-fenced by the PCC for ongoing support in 2013/14. They are:

- Drug Intervention Programme (£633,000)
- Positive Futures (£69,000)
- Youth Justice Grant (£156,000)

Funding for these areas will also be managed through the Community Safety Team.

Proposed commissioning priorities 2013/14

- 3.1 The SNB Performance Group has reviewed the evidence to support the SNB priorities identified in the 2013/14 Strategic Assessment. One gap identified by the Performance Group is the lack of funding to support initiatives within each of the priority themes. The commissioning approach adopted over the last two years has looked at risk and impact, rather than directing specific resources to each theme area. This lack of dedicated funding was felt by the performance group to have held back the development of interventions in some theme areas.
- 3.2 Mainstream resources currently fund activity in some of the theme areas to a greater extent than others. In particular antisocial behaviour, which is at the centre of many of the local Partnership Plus Area (PPA) action plans and benefit from both direct police and local authority funding as well as the PPA allocation. Tackling substance misuse also has access to considerable funding under the public health funding arrangements. Due to limited resources SNB decided not to allocate additional funding from the county-wide commissioning pot to either of these themes.
- 3.3 It is proposed that the 30% of SNB funding allocated to county-wide initiatives for 2013/14 (a total of £175,000) be divided equally between the five themes, with £35,000 going to each of the following:
 - Violent Crime
 - Hate Crime
 - Youth Issues
 - Reducing Re-offending
 - Domestic Violence.

Role of Community Safety Team

4. The Community Safety Team will take the key role of programme managing the process on behalf of the PCC for 2013/14. This will involve ensuring that payments are made to partners at the appropriate time and that quarterly reports are completed for the PCC. The PCC has included a management cost for this work to be undertaken within the overall funding package.

Other Options Considered

5. The Office of the PCC considered a number of options regarding the management of the funding that transferred in April 2013, including commissioning services from within the Office itself, but for 2013/14 decided that it would be appropriate for the existing arrangements through SNB and the County Council to continue, thus providing a cost effective and accountable means of managing the process on behalf of the PCC.

Statutory and Policy Implications

6. 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

It is recommended that:

- i) the allocation of the Police and Crime Commissioner funding of £1.3M to the Safer Nottinghamshire Board for county community safety initiatives for 2013/14 be noted
- ii) approval is given for the Community Safety Team of the County Council to take responsibility for managing the programme and its associated spend on behalf of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board

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Constitutional Comments (SG 09/04/2013)

7. The Committee is the appropriate body to decide the issues set out in this Report. The Committee has responsibility for community safety under its Terms of Reference.

Financial Comments (SEM 10/04/13)

8. The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Papers

SNB report 15th February 2013 : "SNB Commissioning/Funding Priorities"

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.