

**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 **£19,272.32** 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
Locality Integrated working	£5,000
Heartstone Digital in Nottinghamshire	£5,000
Virtual Reality Goggles for Road Traffic Collision Reduction	£2,500
Current Balance	£56,388

(*£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.)

United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities - £250

4. The annual International Day of Persons with Disabilities, which this year took place on the 3rd December 2016, aims to promote empowerment, inclusion and access to reduce inequalities in society. This day is celebrated internationally to increase public awareness, acceptance and understanding of people with disabilities.
5. The community safety team, together with colleagues in the Disabled Employees Support Network (DESN) and Notts Unison organised an event in recognition of this day.
6. This event was opened by the County Council Leader Councillor Alan Rhodes and attended by members of the corporate leadership team. The programme consisted of various presentations, plus a Q & A session on Employment for People with Disability.
7. The request for £250 contributed towards delivery of this event.

Best Bar None – Third and Final Year - £7,500

8. The Nottinghamshire Best Bar None (BBN) scheme was launched in April 2015 to raise standards in licensed premises around the county, with the aim of reducing alcohol related crime and disorder. Other objectives include improving relationships between the licensed trade and the authorities.
9. This committee previously contributed £15,000 from the Community Safety Budget (2013/14) for year one and £15,000 (2014/15) for year two, with a similar amount provided by the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner in enabling BBN to be the first national county wide scheme.
10. Findings from the first year baseline evaluation of BBN, released in 2016 identified that:

- Membership increased - from 81 applications, with 71 accreditations in year one, with 87 applications being received so far in year two (accreditation results will be know early 2017.)
 - The BBN scheme has had a positive effect on the relationships between the statutory bodies and the trade, and has also seen the venues put in place additional policies and procedures, and refresh themselves and their staff on existing ones.
 - It is too early to identify if this scheme have made a significant impact on crime figures as baseline figures have only been collected for the first time in year one, plus there has been changes to the crime recording system part way through the 2015/16 financial year. However an evaluation will be undertaken.
 - The scheme promotes and encourages best practice and recognising those licensed premises that are well managed, that achieve compliance with the high standards set by the scheme and take customer safety seriously.
 - Recognition that the BBN scheme is already highly regarded by the national governing body for the scheme.
 - The BBN participated in a pilot of the national benchmarking scheme, plus invited to sit on the national standards review board.
11. The BBN is the very first county-wide BBN scheme, hence there is other national interest in seeing the first three years through, in order to review what effect a county-wide scheme can have, as well as build sustainability after year three.
 12. Support is provided by the Community Safety team in seeing that the BBN scheme achieves its objectives, plus builds an exit plan for sustainability.
 13. Sponsorship generated in year two has been sufficient to request a reduced amount of £7,500 from the community safety budget for the third and final year, with a £15,000 contribution from the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner enabling an exit and sustainability plan to be put in place.

Fly grazing DVD - £4,000

14. The request for £4,000 from the community safety initiatives budget will support the production and promotion of the recently adopted fly grazing guidance produced by Newark and Sherwood District Council.
15. In providing a consistent approach amongst partners across the county and the general public when dealing with horse related issues, the DVD will provide a simple explanation of the roles and responsibilities for local agencies and details of the processes involved.
16. The DVD will form part of the proposed rural crime event in spring 2017.

Extended Winter Provision - £7,000

17. Since 2011, Public Health England (PHE) have produced an annual Cold Weather Plan, which includes recommendations for local authorities and partners to take action and raise awareness of the adverse effects of cold weather on the local population.
18. Within this national plan, PHE identify homeless/street sleepers as one of the four population groups most at risk of excess winter deaths.
19. As a result, all local authorities are obligated to produce a Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) to ensure that no one is street homeless in periods of extreme cold weather. The SWEP protocol is instigated when the temperature is forecast to drop to zero degrees (or below) for three consecutive nights.
20. Homeless Link also provides guidance to support local partnerships in developing their SWEP's and other suitable responses towards rough sleeping during the winter and periods of severe weather.
21. Although the SWEP guidance is designed to support local authorities to provide Severe Weather Emergency Protocol responses, in order to prevent deaths of people sleeping rough during the winter, there is currently no additional funding for enhanced provision.
22. The request for £7,000 contribution from the Community Safety Initiatives budget would help to provide enhanced provision across the county, with each district receiving an allocation of £1,000
23. The use of this funding will assist districts working in partnership with voluntary and faith groups in strengthening their activity to protect vulnerable people, in this instance those sleeping rough during the winter weather based on local priorities.

Installation of Motorcycle Barrier (Papplewick Lane – Hucknall Ashfield) - £522.32

24. The footpath situated between 29 and 33 Papplewick Lane provides a link which is a popular route used by a significant number of local people as a major thoroughfare. There is considerable evidence that this footpath link is also used frequently by motorcyclists hence, the indiscriminate use of motorcycles is putting pedestrians at risk.
25. The installation of a motorcycle barrier would prevent the inappropriate use by motorcyclists, or at least, reduce speed significantly. It is proposed the Community Safety Committee approve the installation cost of £522.32 in order to address a number of issues around ASB and road safety in this location.
26. The barriers will be constructed using pedestrian safety barriers in a 'triple chicane' format and will be designed in meeting the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act. The amount of £522.32 is based on Via East Midlands carrying out the installation works. If approved, the barrier will become part of the highway and maintained by Via.

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 **£37,115.68** 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 services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, 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 £19,272.32 which can be contained within the initiatives element of the Community Safety Budget for 2016/17.

RECOMMENDATION

That Members approve the following proposed spends of £19,272.32 from the Community Safety Initiatives Budget for 2016/2017:

- a) Best Bar None - £7,500 (Final year)
- b) Fly-grazing DVD - £4,000
- c) United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities - £250
- d) Extended Winter Provision - £7,000
- e) Motorcycle Barrier - £522.32

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 29/12/2016)

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

Financial Comments (KR 29/12/2016)

33. The financial implications are contained within paragraph 30 in this 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.

- Draft Fly-grazing Protocol
- United Nations Division for Social Policy and Development Disability
- Public Health England Cold Weather Plan 2015
- Homeless Link - Severe Weather Emergency Protocol and Extended Weather Provision 2016

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All