

21st February 2017

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 **£38,155** 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) £24,000
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
United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities	£250
Best Bar None – Third and Final Year	£7,500
Fly Grazing DVD	£4,000
Extended Winter Provision	£7,000
Installation of Motorcycle Barrier (Papplewick Lane – Hucknall)	£522.32
Current Balance	£45,115.68

(*£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.)

No to Hate! Training - £3,500.00

4. The ‘No to Hate!’ training sessions seek to ensure that colleagues across Nottinghamshire County Council, and partner organisations, are fully aware of their responsibilities in relation to the ‘No to Hate!’ pledge, and have an understanding of both hate crime victims and perpetrators.
5. The training sessions provided to date have proved very popular and the feedback from attendees has been particularly positive. Therefore an amount of £3,500.00 is requested to provide a further day of training. The cost per delegate for these sessions is £25, which contributes towards the cost of the venue, trainers and refreshments.

Working with Individuals who Hoard - £3,000

6. Compulsive hoarding is defined as the uncontrollable need to obtain items and / or the inability to throw anything away. Compulsive hoarding presents a concern to family and friends of the hoarder, and in many cases to neighbours and the overall community. There are a number of dangers directly to the hoarder, and in many cases

this can present a larger issue. For example fire risks, illness resulting from issues relating to basic hygiene, and falling.

7. Jigsaw, a voluntary and community sector organisation based in Mansfield, run a support service for people who hoard that has helped twenty individuals living in Ashfield and Mansfield in the past twelve months. Referrals have come from a number of organisations and also family members.
8. The provision of this funding would enable this service to continue and to also further strengthen its work by forming closer links with the Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service who took the lead on the development of the countywide Hoarding Protocol. This protocol sets out a framework for collaborative multi-agency working within Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire using a 'person centred solution' based model. The protocol offers clear guidance to staff working with people who hoard, and the provision by Jigsaw would enhance this offer.
9. It is intended that further funding of £12,000 will be sought in the 2017/18 financial year so that this would be a twelve month pilot.

Reducing crime and antisocial behaviour through sport - £5,000

10. Working with the Active4Today organisation in Newark this project aims to engage with young people on the brink of antisocial behaviour to provide sporting opportunities as a means of diverting them into more positive activities.
11. The provision of sporting activities to generate beneficial impacts on young people's involvement in antisocial behaviour is an established approach that has been utilised successfully for many years. This project will look to learn from the experiences of related schemes to ensure clear outcomes are achieved for those involved. These outcomes then can be used to replicate any successes in other areas across Nottinghamshire.

Rest Centres and Places of Safety - £1,500

12. This funding is requested to refresh existing, and place new, equipment and materials at designated rest centres around the County. Rest centres form part of the emergency accommodation plan when homes and communities need to be evacuated in an emergency.
13. The Emergency Planning Team have been working with youth services to identify youth centres that are suitable to be used as designated rest centres/places of safety in the emergency accommodation plan. The current designated rest centres hold a large 'rest centre box' which holds all the paperwork, signage, stationary and resources that are needed when a rest centre is activated. The proposal is to put a trimmed down version of the box, (a 'grab bag'), in each youth centre. In addition, there have been some changes to leisure centres designated as rest centres and subsequently there is a need to replenish some of the contents of the existing boxes.

Community Resilience Stores - £1,500

14. This request also relates to Emergency Planning provision and will enable support to be provided to existing Community Resilience Stores to purchase new items and replenish existing stocks. Fifteen stores could be supported, at a cost of £100 each.
15. The stores contain flood protection products and other products and equipment that can be used by the community during times of emergency.

Vulnerable Witness Recording Equipment - £6,155

16. This equipment would be used to obtain video statements from older and vulnerable witnesses. These accounts have traditionally been recorded in writing but there is a move in enforcement agencies towards using specialist equipment to capture victim's statements. On larger criminal investigations (Op Spinnaker and Summit) it is likely that older victims may have passed away before the Trading Standards can get those responsible in front of the courts. Currently specific procedures are used to get this evidence read in Court but when utilising the video format this can be played in Court and will have more impact on a Jury than a read statement.
17. This funding includes the provision of the equipment and also officer training.

Nominated Neighbour Scheme - £1,000

18. A number of Local Authorities have already implemented this scheme with some success. The scheme works by the vulnerable person being given a card they hold up to a window or a door in the event that they have a caller at their door that they do not recognise/are unexpected. The card advises the caller to go to the address of a 'nominated neighbour' who will check the callers identity and if they are genuine return with them and supervise the visit to make sure that nothing untoward takes place and will remain there until the caller has left. The nominated neighbour is chosen by the householder and will be willing and readily available to help. Often, it will already be someone who is already looking out for the householder or a relative. Ideally it will be someone who lives in close proximity.
19. Trading Standards would like to produce a small pack that can be provided by request and on visits if appropriate, to include the card, a guidance leaflet on the nominated neighbour scheme aimed at the person who will be using the card and a guidance leaflet for the nominated neighbour with clear instructions on how to deal with callers. This could be uploaded onto the Nottinghamshire County Council website. Trading Standards officers would also liaise with the neighbourhood watch schemes to increase awareness and the Police press office.

Tackling Racism and Bullying - £4,000

20. This project intends to build on the successful work already undertaken with schools over the last year both as part of Gypsy Roma and Traveller History Month and the Heartstone Project. This will involve work with Worksop junior Council to take this awareness and learning to more schools and develop a Young People's campaign to

tackle hate crime and prejudice, which could be cascaded across Nottinghamshire and nationally via Heartstone.

21. The children on the Worksop Junior Campaign passed a proposal that we will generate a campaign to tackle racism and bullying under the banner KURB- “Kindness and Understanding beats Racism and Bullying”. This came out of the Worksop West ward meeting and was entirely generated by the children. The children want this to be distributed across Worksop.
22. The key is for the children to take messages back into schools and other community settings. Links with Beth Shalom centre and the Remembering Srebrenica Project are also being explored.

Tackling Hate Crime - £1000

23. The Safer Nottinghamshire Board Hate Crime Steering Group has included in its delivery plan for 2016/17 developing local responses to the recommendations in the national report by Tell Mama into Islamophobia - “We Fear For Our Lives”. A Task and Finish Group was convened to address this work. After an initial mapping exercise, it was soon apparent that there is considerable activity already occurring locally that needs to be included in developing responses to the national recommendations. It is also critical that local stakeholders are engaged in developing the responses so that there is community “buy-in”. To work with all interested parties the Safer Nottinghamshire Board Hate Crime Steering Group has commissioned the services of a criminology graduate to undertake the necessary research and consultation to inform development of local responses. Costs for this are covered by the Safer Nottinghamshire Board budget.
24. An amount of £1000 is requested to assist in the development of the recommendations to tackle Islamophobia.

Bellamy Project - £500

25. The Community and Voluntary Sector Team have been working with the community on this estate. Aside from a weekly visit by the Youth Bus there is very little for young people to do. The community decided to plan and organise a Bellamy Has Got Talent competition for young people in the spring. Young people will be engaged over a 3 month period and opportunities will be provided to develop the organisation and marketing of the event, writing and performing, designing sets and opportunities to get involved in lighting and sound. There will be opportunities to showcase both performance skills and behind the scene skills. The funding will help across the board with the costs associated with materials, marketing, room and equipment hire and prizes.

Heartstone Showcase Event – Up to £4000

26. The young people involved in the Heartstone project that has been delivered in ten schools with the aim of tackling prejudice have been offered the opportunity to showcase their work at an event being held at the Mansfield Palace Theatre on the 23

February. To enable as many school as possible, both from this initial cohort and also from other schools across the County that may want to access this provision in the future, a request is being made for funding to provide transport to the event. This would be £250 per school.

Improved access at the Arnold Registration Office – £1,000

27. This amount is requested as a contribution towards improved access for people with disabilities at the new Arnold Registration Office.

Manton Pit Wood – Measures to reduce Antisocial Behaviour - £6,000 match funding

28. Manton Pit Wood is a one hundred hectare restored colliery site, managed by the Green Estates Team for public recreation, biodiversity and forestry. The site is an important heathland site, a threatened habitat within the County. Located to the south west of Worksop the site has had a difficult history since restoration in 1997, and has suffered extensively from off road motorcycle and 4x4 nuisance, also fly tipping. The Authority recently secured £200k funding through ERDF to improve public access and links to the wider community. The Green Estate Team currently spend £5,000 - £10,000 per annum on securing the site, removing stolen vehicles and clearing fly tipping waste. This level of expenditure is not sustainable.
29. A motorcycle project, set up in 2000, specifically to try and address the motorbike issue involved stakeholders and the community, but was unable to resolve the many and complex issues involved in setting up a facility for both local people and those travelling to the site from further afield to ride at Manton. After a period of relative calm, there has been a recent spike in off-road activity that threatens the safety of people using the site, damage to the woodlands and to the site infrastructure.
30. The Green Estates Team would like to erect a security fence at a cost of £11,000 along the A57 bypass, where vans park in the layby and on the highway verge to unload bikes and access the pit wood. The fence would send a clear signal that access for off-road bikes is not permitted. It would defend this unprotected section of the site, benefit highway safety and reduce fly tipping. The Country Parks and Green Estates Service would fund £5k towards the total cost of this fence.

Other Options Considered

There will be other options for use of the 2016/17 community safety initiatives budget and proposed spends of the remaining balance **£6960.68** will be the subject of future reports to the Community Safety Committee.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

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.

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

The report proposes total expenditure of £38,155 which can be contained within the initiatives element of the Community Safety Budget for 2016/17.

RECOMMENDATION/S:

1. That Members approve the following proposed spends of **£38,155** from the Community Safety Initiatives Budget for 2016/2017:
 - (a) No to Hate Training (£3,500)
 - (b) Working with Individuals who Hoard (£3,000)
 - (c) Reducing crime and antisocial behaviour through sport (£5,000)
 - (d) Rest Centres and Places of Safety (£1,500)
 - (e) Community Resilience Stores (£1,500)
 - (f) Vulnerable Witness Recording Equipment (£6,155)
 - (g) Nominated Neighbour Scheme (£1,000)
 - (h) Tackling Racism and Bullying (£4,000)
 - (i) Tackling Hate Crime (£1,000)
 - (j) Bellamy Project (£500)
 - (k) Heartstone Showcase Event (£4,000)
 - (l) Improved access to Arnold Registration Office (£1,000)
 - (m) Manton Pit Wood – Measures to reduce anti-social behaviour (£6,000 match funding)

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 03/02/2017)

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

Financial Comments (CT 03/02/2017)

The financial implications are contained within Paragraph 31 of the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s)**

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