

19 July 2016

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 **£5,300** 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	£3,500
Promoting Community Cohesion	£10,000
Hawtonville Community	£3,500
Current balance	£82,700

(*£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.)

Contribution towards a Complex Needs Worker / Homelessness Support in Newark (£5,000)

4. Through the work of the Vulnerable Person Panel in Newark, known locally as the Local Multi Agency Problem Solving Meetings (LMAPs), it has been identified that some of the most vulnerable and chaotic individuals that become known to this group require a one to one, intensive approach, to deal with their issues. This then enables them to begin to engage within support and to re-gain control of their lives and improve their involvement in antisocial behaviour.
5. An initial pilot approach was trialled, developed in discussion with Framework the homeless and homelessness prevention charity, to provide a personalised approach to individuals presenting with complex needs and homelessness within Newark and Sherwood.
6. The case studies that outline the impact of this pilot, which saw a Complex Needs Worker being employed, demonstrate the impact of this role. Outcomes for individuals with complex needs include accessing support for substance misuse issues, ensuring individuals recognise their responsibilities and the consequences of their antisocial behaviour towards others, accessing support for mental health needs, stabilising of accommodation, significant reductions in complaints regarding specific individuals and assistance with controlling finances.
7. Police and other related information is also currently being reviewed by the Partnership Officer for the Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood Community Safety Partnership that supports the assessment that this role has had a positive impact on improving community safety in Newark.
8. At the end of the initial six month pilot scheme the decision to further extend the pilot to the end of March 2017 was made by the Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood Community Safety Partnership. The Partnership allocated £22,500 from the monies made available for locality working by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Nottinghamshire County Council.
9. A further £5,000 is requested directly from Nottinghamshire County Council to support this post becoming full-time. During the next period of this pilot intensive work with key individuals will continue and the extension of the pilot scheme would also allow further links to be developed with organisations to provide follow up support when individuals become less vulnerable and in need of reduced support.
10. The work of the Complex Needs Worker would be linked to that of the Nottinghamshire County Council Social Worker (Community Safety) to further support work to develop pathways to provision for vulnerable people and to develop an evidence base in relation to current service gaps with a view to approaching relevant commissioning organisations.

11. The Community Safety Team will be working with other partners and sectors, for example, Health, to assess the potential for contributions to this work/post on a more sustainable basis.

Commemoration Event - Battle of the Somme (£300)

12. 2016 marks the centenary of the Battle of the Somme. The commemoration is being led by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), on behalf of the UK Government in partnership with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and the Royal British Legion to build a programme of events which reflect the significance of the First World War Somme campaign.
13. The Somme was one of the bloodiest battles of the First World War, resulting in over 1 million casualties. There will be a wide programme of events taking place in the UK and France to mark the centenary period. The DCMS are responsible for managing events information on the Remembering Somme Map.
14. The Community and Voluntary Sector Team have co-ordinated a successful Battle of the Somme commemoration event. The event held at County Hall on 1st July 2016, started with a commemoration service at the front of County Hall which included the blowing of whistles, symbolic of the order to, 'go over the top'. This was followed by exhibition and film show in the assembly room. The exhibition, 'Nottinghamshire County Council 1916', told the story of The County Council throughout 1916 and the war years. The film show, 'The Somme', shows footage from the battlefield. In 1916, this provided a unique opportunity to 'go to the flicks and marvel at images from the front'. Both the exhibition and film show have been designed by the Nottinghamshire Heritage Forum.
15. A contribution of £300 is requested towards this commemoration event.

Other Options Considered

16. There will be other options for use of the 2016/17 community safety initiatives budget and proposed spends of the remaining **£77,400** balance will be the subject of future reports to the Community Safety Committee.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

17. 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.

18. 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

19. The proposed **£5,300** can be met from within the Community Safety Initiatives Budget for 2016/17.

RECOMMENDATION/S:

20. That Members approve the proposed spends from the Community Safety Initiatives Budget for 2016/2017:

- a) Contribution towards a Complex Needs Worker / Homelessness Support in Newark (£5,000)
- b) Commemoration Event - Battle of the Somme (£300)

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21. For any enquiries about this report please contact: Sarah Houlton, Team Manager Trading Standards & Community Safety x 72460 or Tony Shardlow, Community Safety Officer, Trading Standards & Community Safety x 73846.

Constitutional Comments (LM 30/06/2016)

The recommendations in the report fall within the Terms of Reference of the Community Safety Committee.

Financial Comments (KAS 30/06/2016)

The financial implications are contained within paragraph 19 of the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s)

All