

**07 September 2017**

**Agenda Item: 6**

**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 **£26,500** of funding from the Community Safety Initiatives Budget for 2017/18.

**Information and Advice**

**Community Safety Initiatives Budget 2017/18**

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 designed to tackle the issues that are causing the most harm to communities and individuals.
3. The initial amount available for 2017/18 was **£211,840**.
4. £25,000 is also paid to Nottinghamshire County Council by the Office of the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) to cover the costs of this Authority acting as the Accountable Body for the grant received by the Safer Nottinghamshire Board and the Community Safety Partnerships from the OPCC.
5. The work related with undertaking the role of the Accountable Body includes the Community Safety Team monitoring the use of this funding by partners and processing the related payments. It was agreed at this Committee in July that this money be included in the Community Safety Initiatives Budget making the amount available **£236,840**.
6. Also at the July meeting of this Committee the following commitments were agreed:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Agreed Allocation</b>
Funding to support neighbourhood working	£93,334
Working with individuals who Hoard	£12,000
Community Cohesion Project	£20,000

Dragons Den Style Project	£7,000
Trent Bridge Safety Barriers	£15,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£147,334</b>

6. This leaves a remaining balance in the Community Safety Initiatives Budget of £89,506.

## Proposed Projects

### Mass Marketing Scams: Video Clip - £1,500

7. Nottinghamshire County Council has previously successfully partnered with Nottingham Trent University media studies students to produce a series of short video clips to help promote and demonstrate the benefits of occupational therapy equipment, such as raised toilet seats and grab rails. (<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/adult-social-care/help-living-at-home/equipment-to-help-you>)
8. This project aims to repeat this successful partnership arrangement to produce a short 2-3 minute video clip to help raise awareness of both mail and telephone mass marketing scams. The video clip, which would be produced in conjunction with the National Scams Team, could be widely distributed in the county and nationally on the internet, social media, on the county council's large screens and via other partner agencies etc. Officers visiting scam victims in their home could play the video to the residents as part of their intervention work.
9. The £2,000 total cost of the video clip covers the production costs incurred by the year 3 students which include a professional camera operator, an actor and editing. The video clip will also include subtitles. The £1,500 contribution from the Community Safety initiatives budget will be supplemented by a £500 contribution from the National Trading Standards Scams Team.

### Tackling Antisocial Behaviour in Ashfield – ‘Midnight Football’ - £10,000

10. This project will be led by Ashfield District Council. The work will involve young people who are involved in antisocial behaviour being engaged in positive and enjoyable activities in the presence of a positive peer group.
11. By providing engaging activities that allow young people to channel energy and enthusiasm in a positive way, this can have notable impacts when targeted in areas with recognised antisocial behaviour problems. Diversionary activities, such as this football based project, provide opportunities for young people to build trust in others and gain self-confidence before they potentially progress to more focussed and targeted interventions.
12. Early intervention can steer young people away from criminal behaviour. Engaging with young people before negative behaviour patterns emerge or are ingrained can be an effective means of prevention. Diversionary activities also help young people learn, and put into practice new social norms in terms of their behaviour - learning what is acceptable and what is not, what constitutes positive behaviour and the impact of problem behaviour on

others. In addition, mixing outside their previous groups offers young people the chance to experience new ways of communicating, to learn new social skills and relationships, and think for themselves.

13. To ensure the intended impact the service provider will be directed to work with community safety partners and the Youth Service to identify, and engage with, appropriate young people in areas experiencing higher levels of antisocial behaviour in Ashfield.
14. The outcomes achieved by the project, if funded, will be reported to this Committee.

### **Mental Health Social Worker – Pilot with Nottinghamshire Police - £15,000**

15. Community Safety partners are spending increasing amounts of their time managing incidents triggered by some kind of mental health issue. Many of the services currently available for managing cases where there is a mental health dimension are consent based, have thresholds and gateways and also require the individual involved to take positive steps to engage.
16. There are some people however with complex needs who for a variety of reasons do not access services that could provide them with support. When incidents do occur involving these individuals, it is often the Police that are the only service available to respond.
17. To address this, in 2014, a Nottinghamshire-wide partnership of NHS organisations, police and local authorities in the City and County launched a 'street triage' scheme to help those with mental health issues or learning disabilities in Nottinghamshire to receive the right care and treatment in emergency situations.
18. Nottinghamshire Police have hundreds of contacts a year with individuals who are in distress, or in vulnerable situations, because of mental health problems or learning disabilities.
19. This scheme has seen specially trained mental health nurses from Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust join police officers on callouts in unmarked street triage cars throughout Nottinghamshire, where vulnerable people need immediate mental health support. The nurses are also available to give telephone advice to police officers and help them decide on the appropriate healthcare service to refer to.
20. The objective of the scheme is to improve services for mental health patients and divert vulnerable individuals with mental health issues away from the Criminal Justice System to a more appropriate care setting. Where required, the service also provides access to community mental health treatment services and learning disability support and care.
21. Street triage has cut demand on police time and allows officers to focus on crime. It has also provided on the spot support from mental health nurses which has reduced the number of citizens being arrested or taken to a 136 Suite - which provides a place of safety for vulnerable people requiring a psychiatric assessment - or to A&E by providing more appropriate care for their needs.

22. Due to the success of this initiative a pilot is being proposed, but this time involving a Social Worker with specific mental health expertise to assess the impact on the individuals that are potentially eligible for Adult Social Care services, who are in distressed or vulnerable situations and a call has been made to Nottinghamshire Police.
23. This would be a three month pilot with the evaluation results informing the next steps. The outcomes and evaluation of the pilot would be reported to this Committee.

## Other Options Considered

29. There will be other options for use of the 2017/18 community safety initiatives budget and proposed spends of the remaining balance of **£63,006** will be the subject of future reports to the Communities and Place Committee.

## Reason/s for Recommendation/s

30. 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.

31. 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

32. The report seeks to commit **£26,500** of the remaining **£89,506** Community Safety Initiative Budget that is available for 2017/18. The amount of **£26,500** is made up of the following proposed allocations:

Project	Proposed Allocation
<b>Mass Marketing Scams: Video Clip</b>	£1,500
<b>Tackling Antisocial Behaviour in Ashfield – ‘Midnight Football’</b>	£10,000
<b>Mental Health Social Worker – Pilot with Nottinghamshire Police</b>	£15,000

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£26,500</b>
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This leaves a remaining amount unallocated of **£63,006**.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

33. It is recommended that **£26,500** of funding from the Community Safety Initiatives Budget for 2017/18 for the proposed projects outlined in this report be approved.

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## **Constitutional Comments ( SLB 24/08/2017 )**

Communities and Place Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

## **Financial Comments (CT63 – 18/08/2017)**

The financial implications are contained within Paragraph 32 of this report.

## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

None

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s)**

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