



meeting **Cabinet**

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Report of the Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Partnerships

Financial Support for Work to Reduce Motorcycle Nuisance

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for a contribution of £20,000 towards targeted work to reduce the impact of motorcycle nuisance in the County.
2. This proposal is brought to Cabinet as the total contributions to Nottinghamshire Police will exceed £50,000 in the current year if it is approved and this is the limit of grants and contributions to persons and to outside bodies in any year which the Cabinet Member may authorise.

Advice and Information

3. The people of Nottinghamshire have made it clear to their elected Members, their local police, the highways authority and others that motorcycle nuisance is blighting lives in many parts of the county. Community surveys indicate that motorcycle nuisance and criminal damage are two of the top three types of anti social behaviour that residents would like to see reduced or stopped. The money will be used to support a campaign using information and publicity as well as buying additional hours of the Nottinghamshire Police Off Road Motorcycle Team to undertake enforcement activities.
4. The Police Off-Road Motorcycle Team consists of two part-time officers (employed by Nottinghamshire Police) to cover the county of Nottinghamshire. The role of these two part-time officers is to reduce the use of illegal or unsafe bikes (often mini motos), to stop the use of motorcycles on private property (often social housing estates) and to reduce the anti social behaviour that thoughtless use of motorcycles can cause. The proposed enforcement and publicity work will build on the recent campaign to reduce sales and use of mini motos
5. The County Council has identified, via Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships, areas within the county where the motorcycle problem is particularly acute. It is the view of the Police Off Road Motorcycle Team that brief but sharp and focused interventions by their team in these areas could have a considerable impact on this problem.

6. It is proposed that a sum of £20,000 is made available for this campaign, some of which will be used to buy in additional hours from the Police Off Road Motorcycle Team to deliver focused enforcement work across the county at recognised hot-spots between January and July 2007. The exact locations for enforcement action will be negotiated between the County Council, the district based Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (of which the County Council is a statutory partner in all districts) and the police. The action would be supported by a vigorous media campaign which would identify results in areas previously targeted thus delivering a deterrent message. The impact of the input from the Police Off Road Motorcycle Team would be subject to an evaluation report. If approved, the contribution can be met from the provision for Community Safety in the Community Safety & Partnerships portfolio.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, crime and disorder and users. Where such implications are material, they have been brought out in the text of this report.

Crime & Disorder Implications

8. The County Council as a statutory partner under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 has a duty to work with partners in the police, the health service, fire authority district councils and voluntary sector to reduce the impact of crime and disorder, including motorcycle nuisance.

Recommendation

9. That approval is given for a contribution of £20,000 towards a campaign to reduce motorcycle nuisance in the County and for targeted enforcement work by the Police Off-Road Motorcycle Team as outlined in the report.

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Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Partnerships**

Legal Services Comments

This decision falls within the delegation to Cabinet. Subject to there being sufficient budget provision, Cabinet may authorise grants and contributions to persons and to outside bodies to an unlimited amount. [SSR 13.12.06]

Financial Comments of the Strategic Director (Resources)(RWK)

The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Papers Available for Inspection

None.

Electoral Division(s) Affected

All

