

Police and Crime Panel

10th January 2019



Commissioning Update

Report of Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner

Purpose

1. To advise Panel Members that the decision-making process for the financial allocations in 2019/20 has been completed.

Background

2. At the Panel meeting in October, an indication was given regarding the funding decisions taken at the October Commissioning Board.
3. At the December Commissioning Board, the policy leads presented the final set of new bids, which were considered.
4. The total value of the funding bids exceeded the monies available for distribution and this resulted in studied and considered debate prior to final decisions being taken.
5. It is reasonable to expect that there will be some disappointment at the decisions taken and given that the decisions were taken just one day prior to the preparation of this update and the OPCVC is in the middle of informing all parties about funding contributions (or not), I would be grateful if the Panel Members consent to receive a verbal update at the meeting of the final funding decisions taken.
6. The Commissioning Board has given the OPCVC a sound and informed process for the making of funding decisions, and in the future will receive progress reports against performance of projects, and updates on commissioning and procurement activities.
7. The OPCVC is scheduling future Commissioning Boards for 2019, in February, May, July, October and December to coincide with the financial planning cycles of partners, Durham Constabulary and the OPCVC.
8. The OPCVC is committed to the principles of evidence-based need driving funding decisions and getting maximum value from the allocation of public monies.
9. The OPCVC recognises that achieving best outcomes for the victims and vulnerable in our communities cannot be achieved in isolation and will utilise established partnership groups to initially build the case for future funding proposals that will be considered at the OPCVC Commissioning Boards. The OPCVC will not consider

proposals that have not been initiated or considered at one of the established partnership groups.

10. These proposals will be linked to common priorities and objectives and are intended to be the start of conversations with private, public and voluntary organisations about the potential to combine our resources through a co-commissioning approach that will achieve better outcomes and value for money. One example of that approach is the co-commissioning of services for victims of domestic abuse which has been led by Durham County Council but with strong input from the OPCVC.
11. The OPCVC recognises the need to consider the wider picture in respect of allocating funding and is working with partners to better understand how funding for activities that are targeted at reducing anti-social behaviour and improving the journey of the victim (witness) through the criminal justice system can be applied more effectively and with partner involvement.

Recommendation

12. To consider the report and provide any comments and questions.

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Appendix 1: Risks and Implications

Finance

All funding decisions will be reflected in the OPCVC 2019/20 budgets.

Staffing

n/a

Equality and Diversity

n/a

Accommodation

n/a

Crime and Disorder

Many of the projects are aimed at reducing crime and disorder.

Children's Act 2004

n/a

Stakeholder/Community Engagement

Information about the PCVC's funding streams is set out in the Police, Crime and Victims' Plan.

Environment

n/a

Collaboration and Partnerships

n/a

Value for Money and Productivity

Value for Money is a key consideration in the allocation of all funding.

Potential Impact on Police and Crime Plan Priorities

All funding is expected to have a positive impact on priorities.

Commissioning

As per the report.

Other risks

n/a

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