

Police and Crime Panel

19th July 2016

Commissioning and Community Safety Funding in 2016/17



Report of Head of Governance & Commissioning

Purpose

1. To update the Panel on the Police, Crime & Victims Commissioner's community safety funding and commissioning activities at this point in the financial year 2016/17.

Background

2. Each year the Police, Crime & Victims' Commissioner (PCVC) considers, with advice from the Chief of Staff and Chief Finance Officer, the budget for community safety activities and the distribution of victims funding from the Ministry of Justice.
3. The PCVC is keen to use the funding from the Ministry of Justice innovatively and with a particular focus on the development of services for victims of crime: where services do not exist; the service provision is limited in its impact; and existing service provision is not meeting the needs of victims.
4. The PCVC is keen to continue to support the Community Safety Partnerships financially by providing funding that can support activity in pursuit of our shared objectives, and to make additional funding available so that smaller community groups have opportunities to access monies too.

Ministry of Justice Funding 2016/17

5. The attached table provides a summary of victims monies allocated so far in 2016/17. The pending advocacy funding will be to commission services to support victims with mental health conditions on their journey through the criminal justice system and a service to support victims of hate crime. These advocacy services were amongst the first to be announced following the completion of the PCC elections.

Description	Amount
Ministry of Justice: Funding for Victim Services	£736,524
Funding Awarded	£429,248
Funding Pending	£60,000
Funding Balance	£247,276

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Funding Awarded		
Safe in Tees Valley	Victim Needs Assessment & Referral Service that was commissioned jointly with the Office of Cleveland PCC and commenced on 1 st April 2016. The transition to the new service was efficient and seamless.	£252,000
Safe in Tees Valley	Victims Services Research & Development Manager jointly funded with the Cleveland OPCC to develop the onward referral services for victims in both force areas.	£17,524
Durham CC & Darlington MBC	This is for Restorative Justice activities and is directly responsible to the Head of Governance & Commissioning for the extension of the project into the Bishop Auckland, Chester le Street and Peterlee areas of County Durham.	£104,724
Durham Police	Operation Encompass is a child safeguarding activity.	£10,000
Hannah Bell	Supporting victims of crime cope and recover from the impact of the crime by helping them to see themselves not as victims.	£5,000
Barnardo's	Jointly funding, with each of the local authorities in the force area, a Child Sexual Exploitation Worker to be based within the Children's Service.	£40,000
Pending	Advocacy to Support Victims with Mental Health Conditions through the Criminal Justice System	£30,000
Pending	Advocacy to Support Victims of Hate Crime	£30,000
Total		£489,248

Community Safety Funding

6. We provided a paper on Community Safety Funding in 2016-17 to the Police and Crime Panel meeting on 3rd March, which set out the programmes to which allocations had been agreed by the Community Safety Partnerships, and plans for a further Community Safety Fund to be administered by the County Durham Community Foundation.

7. All of the Safer Durham Partnership funding has been allocated. The Darlington Community Safety Partnership has not yet allocated all of its funding, and will take decisions in the light of the recent decisions on Darlington Borough Council's Medium Term Financial Plan. The overall community safety funding contribution is shown below:

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Organisation	Amount
Safe Durham Partnership Allocation	£461,290
Darlington Partnership Allocation	£133,155
County Durham Community Foundation PCVC Community Safety Fund and Administration Charge	£111,111
Sub total	£706,556

County Durham Community Foundation

8. Applicants to the 2016/17 funding round from the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner's Community Safety Fund have been informed by the County Durham Community Foundation (CDCF) of the panel's decisions. The membership of the panel included representation from the OPCVC and the two Community Safety Partnerships.
9. The panel assessed bids against three criteria:
 - a. Enhance and build safer communities;
 - b. Tackle anti-social behaviour; and
 - c. Tackle harm caused by alcohol, drugs and violence.
10. £149,817 has been awarded to 21 different community groups and voluntary organisations throughout County Durham and Darlington. There was around £500,000 worth of bids.
11. The projects of the successful recipients are set out in the attached table.

Applicant Name	Project Summary	Award
Chester-le-Street & District Community Venues Consortium	Mobile Cinema Programme for the next 12 months. This programme has been well received both by consortium members and residents who attend the mobile cinema programme on a regular basis. The project helps combat anti-social behaviour and social isolation.	£10,000
Age UK County Durham	Beat the Scammers project which aims to reduce the numbers of elderly and vulnerable people falling victim to this crime by building the resilience, skills and confidence of 1,100 older people to protect themselves from crime and also to support others to have confidence.	£9,500
Age UK Darlington	Silver Cyber Crime Awareness project that will increase accessibility to the community, promote social inclusion and encourage integration into the community. It will help people who have come under financial difficulties, due to fraud, to retrieve additional income they may not otherwise know they are entitled to. It will help people to understand the risks of fraud and cybercrime by raising awareness and providing preventative support.	£9,500
Annfield Plain Community Centre	The youth café aims to provide engaging activities that allow young people to channel energy and enthusiasm in a positive way which will have a notable impact in Annfield Plain which has limited local facilities and recognised ASB problems.	£8,840

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Applicant Name	Project Summary	Award
Clean & Sober Living	Contribute to the development of the Good Joinery Project which is an initiative to help people who are recovering from drug addictions to stop committing crime and become more employable.	£5,000
Darlington Association On Disability	Developing a "Be Safe Be Confident" Network in Darlington for disabled people, to help people who have been a victim of crime and also build confidence of people to prevent social isolation from developing.	£9,900
Deric Youth Bus Project	Working with young people by tackling the issues which are impacting on their lives and their communities, through youth work delivery to help the young people reach their goals and aspirations.	£8,812
Durham Pride UK	The Rainbow Project is a new initiative for the LGBT community and its allies in County Durham and will be launched at the Pride event.	£5,200
Easington Colliery Regeneration Partnership	A community youth project which will aim to offer information and guidance to young people through youth sessions. Youth Workers will work with young people to help them understand the impact of anti-social behaviour on their community.	£9,310
East Durham Community Development Trust Ltd	Developing the East Durham Domestic Abuse Network (formerly the Domestic Violence Network) to co-ordinate the existing services to maximise the potential impact of their support.	£9,895
Ferryhill LADDER Centre Ltd.	Better Safe than Sorry project which aims to provide activities for children to reduce anti-social behaviour. By offering access to a safe and welcoming community building for children and young people, this will deter them from engaging in anti-social behaviour caused through hanging around in the streets.	£5,971
Handcrafted Projects	Contribution towards a support worker to cover two projects that equip and encourage people living chaotic and destructive lifestyles to meet their own needs and become contributing members of the local community.	£10,000
Investing In Children CIC	Agenda Days™ (adult free spaces) to find out what young people's issues are and to find a way to take these forward.	£2,508
One Punch NE	Develop an educational pack aimed at tackling the harm caused by alcohol and substance misuse.	£9,000
Open Gate	Provide structured activities for women who are being released into the Durham Constabulary force area, by supporting them to engage and remain engaged with drug and alcohol rehabilitation projects in the community.	£10,000
Prince Bishop Community Broadcasting Limited	Towards radio programmes aimed at reducing anti-social behaviour by sharing personal stories that will empower victims and allow the general public to understand how a seemingly harmless but selfish activity may cause nuisance, be intimidating or destructive, or affect someone else's quality of life.	£900
The Forge	Defiant Voices - Creating Safer Communities project which aims to raise awareness of the dangers of stigmatisation, prejudice and religious, racial and cultural intolerance. This programme will improve the citizenship skills of the young people involved, effectively creating school community leaders who will advocate for tolerance and inclusion, and will campaign against stereotyping, prejudice and scapegoating within their school communities.	£7,130

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Applicant Name	Project Summary	Award
Thornley Village Centre Management Group	Providing an open access programme of activities for young people aged 5 to 15 years living in Thornley during school holidays.	£3,119
WillyNillie CIC	To provide a wide range of art and craft activities as part of our positive identity project aimed at diverting young people from activities or situations that may cause them harm or that may involve them in antisocial behaviour.	£5,330
Wingate Community Forum	Towards the creation of a youth club. The Youth Club will exist to provide opportunities for the young people of Wingate to help shape a safer community for themselves and their families.	£5,000
WM Morrison Darlington Enterprise Trust	Life Skills Project targeted at 75 young people aged 16-18 years who are not participating in education, employment and training. The aim is to work with young people to develop confidence and skills to find work, in addition to providing supported referrals to specialist agencies.	£4,902
Total		£149,817

12. Further reports will be presented to the Panel as this round of grant funding progresses.

Recommendation

13. To consider the report and provide any questions.

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Appendix 1: Risks and Implications

Finance

All funding is within the 2016/17 budget estimates.

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 PCC's funding streams is set out in the Police and Crime 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 budgets.

Potential Impact on Police and Crime Plan Priorities

All funding to have a positive impact on priorities

Commissioning

As per the report.

Other risks

n/a

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