

## Police and Crime Panel

5<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Commissioning in 2017/18



## Report of Head of Governance & Commissioning

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### Purpose

1. To update the Panel on the Police, Crime & Victims' Commissioner's (PCVC) community safety funding and commissioning activities for the financial year 2017/18.
2. A report was presented to the Panel on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 showing the PCVC's community safety funding and commissioning activities at that point in the financial year 2016/17.
3. A report outlining the finalised 2016/17 spending position on community safety and commissioning activities will be presented to the Panel at the first meeting falling after 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017, when reporting to the Ministry of Justice has been completed.

### Background

4. Each year the PCVC considers, with advice from the Chief of Staff and Chief Finance Officer and consultation with partners, the budget for community safety activities and the distribution of victims funding from the Ministry of Justice.
5. 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.
6. The PCVC is keen to continue to support the Community Safety Partnerships financially by providing funding that can support activities 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 2017/18

7. The Medium Term Financial Plan assumes that victims' monies from the Ministry of Justice to Durham PCVC will be £737,000, which is consistent with the sum received in 2016/17.

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8. So far £531,500 of funding allocations have been agreed. These figures include: the jointly commissioned (with Cleveland OPCC) victims needs assessment and referral service (£289,000); a shared service development and improvement post (with Cleveland OPCC) (£17,500); development of restorative services to help victims cope and recover from the impact of crimes (£187,000); a contribution to a Victim Liaison Officer (Young People) post (£24,000); and a few small projects.
9. The remaining expenditure of £205,500 is being evaluated to allocate potential expenditure that will provide: services for other victims of crime (£70,000); services for victims of domestic violence (£75,000); and services for victims of sexual violence (£60,500).
10. The attached table provides a summary of victims' monies decision for 2017/18.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Funding 2017/18</b>
<b>Funding to Durham PCVC</b>		<b>£737,000</b>
Funding Agreed		£531,500
Pending Evaluation		£205,500
<b>Unallocated Funding</b>		<b>£0</b>
Safe in Tees Valley	Victim Needs Assessment & Referral Service	£289,000
Safe in Tees Valley	Victims Services Research & Development Manager (50/50 with Cleveland OPCC)	£17,500
Restorative Solutions	Post Charge Restorative Coordinator & Practitioner & Expenses	£69,000
County Durham YOS	Restorative Coordinators Post & Support Costs	£43,000
Darlington MBC	Restorative Training & Development Post	£39,000
Restorative Solutions	Pre- Charge Restorative Practitioner & Expenses	£36,000
County Durham YOS	Victim Liaison Officer (Young People)	£24,000
Just for Women	Thread Project	£8,000
Acumen	To help voluntary and community sector organisations become more sustainable	£6,000
Pending Evaluation	Other services for victims of crime	£70,000
Pending Evaluation	Services for victims of domestic violence	£75,000
Pending Evaluation	Services for victims of sexual violence	£60,500

**Community Safety Funding 2017/18**

11. The next table summarises the estimated application of PCVC community safety monies in 2017/18.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Safe Durham Partnership Allocation	£442,000
Darlington Partnership Allocation	£133,100
County Durham Community Foundation PCVC Community Safety Fund and Administration Charge	£116,500
Sub total	£691,600

12. The Safer Durham Partnership funding has been considered by the Funding Sub Group and an allocation of funds recommended to, and approved by, the Safe Durham Partnership Board are outlined in the next table.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Funding 2017/18</b>
ASB Officers	£125,000
YOS Pre-Court System (Out of Court Disposals)	£101,000
Positive Futures	£52,000
Adult PPO Mentoring (subject to final decision by the Board)	£25,000
Victim Liaison Officer (Young People)	£19,000
With Youth in Mind	£5,000
Check Point	£100,000
Community Peer Mentors	£20,000
Under spend from 2016/17 to be applied in 2017/18	-£5,000

13. The Darlington Community Safety Partnership monies will remain at 2016/17 levels. The allocation of monies to specific projects is still to be determined and all decisions will be made by the Community Safety Partnership Board in consultation with the OPCVC.
14. The PCVC Community Safety Fund administered by County Durham Community Foundation (CDCF) will increase slightly from 2016/17. The CDCF contribution of £50,000 will continue in 2017/18 but will be subject to an administration charge of 10%. This still enables the fund offered to the voluntary and community sector to be maintained at £150,000 and offers value for money. The grant award process is

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expected to run to a similar timetable as last year and we intend to explore the possibility of making some two year grant awards.

**Recommendation**

15. To consider the report and provide any questions.

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## Appendix 1: Risks and Implications

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### Finance

All funding is included within the 2017/18 financial 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, 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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