

## Police and Crime Panel

29<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## Commissioning in 2018-19

## Report of Head of Governance & Commissioning

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### Purpose

1. To update the Panel on funding and commissioning activities for the financial year 2018/19, and the publication of the OPCVC Commissioning Strategy.

### Background

2. Under Section 143 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner can "provide or arrange for the provision of:
  - a. Services to secure crime and disorder reduction;
  - b. Services to help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by, offences and anti-social behaviour;
  - c. Services specified by the Secretary of State".
3. In order to do so, he has identified funding from two sources:
  - Ring-fenced funding allocated by the Ministry of Justice to support victims of crime;
  - Additional funding from the Policing Grant and precept, which includes money which used to be allocated directly to Community Safety Partnerships prior to the advent of PCCs.
4. As previously reported to the Police and Crime Panel, the OPCVC has a discretionary budget of just over £2million, including grants which were previously allocated by Durham Constabulary. Previously these budgets have been largely based on where the money has come from (e.g. Ministry of Justice Victims' Services Grant, Community Safety Legacy Grant). Much of the money has been allocated based on history ("it's always been that way") or bidding processes.
5. In 2017, the OPCVC carried out a piece of work in-year to align our spending to the three core priorities of:
  - a. Victims services (£0.8m);
  - b. Community safety and prevention (£0.5m); and
  - c. Reducing reoffending (£0.7m).

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6. This exercise provides the foundation for us to commission services based on strategic priorities rather than allocating funding largely based on either bidding processes or legacy allocations.
7. The OPCVC has produced a new Commissioning Strategy (attached at Appendix Two), which sets out our approach to commissioning. It explains how our spending priorities link to our overall objectives and Key Performance Questions, and what funding is allocated for 2018-19. For 2019/20, the OPCVC will move to the new commissioning model and invite the views of partners to the planned commissioning of services from the much larger funding pot than previously attributed to the community safety fund.
8. In order to support this, all activities falling within the three priority areas will be subject to a service and funding review by the ODPCVC, which we are aiming to complete by July 2018.
9. A report on this review will be provided to the Police and Crime Panel in October 2018.

**Recommendation**

10. To consider the report and the Commissioning Strategy and provide any comments and questions.

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## Appendix 1: Risks and Implications

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### Finance

All funding is included within the 2018/19 budget.

### 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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