

THURSDAY, 19 JUNE 2014

REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC) GRANT FUNDING

EXEMPT INFORMATION

PURPOSE

To advise members of the PCC's funding allocation for 2014-2015 and to seek endorsement for the funding awards made by Tamworth Borough Council following a procurement process.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the 2014/15 PCC funding award to the Tamworth Community Safety Partnership (£85,525) is incorporated into the Councils 2014/15 community safety budget in line with our role as the accountable body for the funds.
2. That the funding awards made by the Council in collaboration with our community safety partners are endorsed

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the budget process for 2014/15 the income budget for Safer and Stronger Communities was set at £23,500 which was based on the actual funding received in 2013/14. Prior to and including 2013/14 community safety grant funding was allocated from the Home Office to Staffordshire County Council who allocated grants to Districts/Boroughs. From 2014/15 the PCC has taken responsibility for the setting and allocation of community safety grant funding. The PCC grant in the year 2014/15 is £85,525, of which 80% £68,420 has been received. The remaining 20% £17,105 will be released in the second half of the year subject to successful outcomes of the funded projects. The PCC has undertaken to retain the same level of grant funding for a further 2 years up to March 2017.

The Community Safety Partnership adopted an outcomes based commissioning approach to allocate £50K of the annual PCC grant. There are two successful providers, one will deliver an early intervention domestic abuse service and the second is an outreach service targeting young people involved in substance misuse causing anti social behaviour. Both the contracted providers are supplying personal to deliver the agreed outcomes and will be based within the community safety hub. The remaining £35K will be utilised in a ongoing project to reduce the number of anti social behaviour incidents in relation the illegal misuse of mopeds, motor cycles etc on footpaths, cycle paths and public open space.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The Council could refuse the grant which would result in the grant either being withdrawn or a new accountable body being identified to manage the grant. This would be counter productive.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

£68,420 of grant funding has been received to date. A further £17,105 is due subject to satisfactory outcomes. This equates to an additional £62,025 above the originally budgeted amount for 2014/15.

LEGAL/RISK IMPLICATIONS BACKGROUND

The grant funded projects have been designed so if they do not meet satisfactory outcomes and not trigger the additional 20% grant funding, contracts will be terminated and therefore will not be a risk to the Council

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

As described above the PCC grant funding has been guaranteed at the level and there is an expectation the grant will continue post 2017

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Included in executive summary

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

APPENDICES

None