



**Decision No 2013/34**

**REPORT TO:** POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE

**REPORT BY:** ROBERT RUSTON – PARTNERSHIPS OFFICER

**DATE:** 10 January 2014

**TITLE:** COMMUNITY SAFETY FUND 2013-2014

Appendix A refers

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The Commissioner has received notification from the Home Office of the allocation of Community Safety Fund for 2013-14 at £1.794M
2. The Commissioner confirmed in November 2012 that he would provide community safety funding for the three top tier authority areas as the same ratio as in 2012-13.
3. Following receipt of the funding notification from the Home Office this enabled the Commissioner to offer community safety funding at 100% of the 2012-13 level and to maintain the former Drugs Intervention Programme funding also at the 2012-13 level.
4. The Commissioner has previously approved the allocation of £1,752,938.00 of this fund under Decisions 2012/10, 2012/17, 2013/06 and 2013/10.
5. This Decision seeks to confirm a further allocation of £41,062 as outlined in the attached Appendix.
6. This Decision will complete the allocation of all of the Community Safety Grant for 2013-14 received by the Commissioner from the Home Office.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Commissioner is recommended to approve the proposed use of the Community Safety Fund as outlined in Appendix A and to note the implications in respect of funding that could be available for additional community safety activity.

#### **Decision taken by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire:**

<b>Original decision, as set out in the attached report, approved without amendment (please delete as appropriate)</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
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**Original decision required to be amended and decision as detailed below:**

The reasons for the amended decision are as detailed below:

**Police and Crime Commissioner: Comments**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The PCC is asked to consider any personal / prejudicial interests he may have to disclose in relation to the matter under consideration in accordance with the law, the Nolan Principles and the Code of Conduct.

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation.

**Signed:** 

**Police and Crime Commissioner**

**Date:** 10.1.14

**Signed:**

**Chief Officer:** 

**Date:** 10.1.14

**Signed:**

**Chief Constable**

**Date:**

**Signed:**

**Chief Finance Officer:**

**Date:**

**Relates to Decision No 2013/34**



**Appendix A**

**THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE**

**TITLE: COMMUNITY SAFETY FUND 2013-14 (5)**

**1. Background**

- 1.1 A number of principles were established with partners in discussions regarding the possible use of the Commissioner's Community Safety Fund and approved by the Commissioner in Decision 2012/17. The proposed use of the funding as detailed below is in line with these principles.
- 1.2 The Commissioner has received notification from the Home Office of the allocation of Community Safety Fund for 2013-14 at £1.794M
- 1.4 The Commissioner has previously approved the allocation of £1,752,938.00 of this fund under Decisions 2012/10, 2012/17, 2013/06 and 2013/10.

**2. Further Funding Proposals**

**2.1 SAHARA IN PRESTON**

Project to support awareness raising and Domestic Abuse Services for Asian women in Preston and the surrounding area. The project provides a tailored approach enabling Asian women to access information and services that would not be available through mainstream Domestic Abuse services.

The Commissioner has provided £467,000 for mainstream Domestic Abuse services in the pan-Lancashire area, but accepts that there is a need for additional support for protected characteristic groups and in particular recognises the access issues faced by women and girls in the Asian community.

Sahara in Preston have requested funding for the full cost of the project of £32,500.

**Recommendation:**

That the Commissioner provide **£20,000** funding towards the cost of the project on the condition that Sahara in Preston secure the remaining £12,500 to enable the full project to go ahead. Providing part funding will encourage Sahara to seek funding from other providers and will enable the Commissioner's Community Safety Fund to support a wider range of priorities.

This supports the Commissioner's Domestic Abuse priority.

## 2.2 PRESTON & CHORLEY STREET PASTORS

Individual Street Pastors usually cover the £250 cost of their training and uniform, but each group needs to raise funding for a co-ordinator post – Preston full time and Chorley part-time. Preston currently have a shortfall of £10,000 and Chorley £6,000.

Street Pastors provide key support to the policing of the night time economy in Preston and Chorley town centres and have been used to assist neighbourhood policing teams in work on estates in the Chorley area.

### **Recommendation:**

That the Commissioner provide **£10,000** funding to support the co-ordinator posts in Preston and Chorley - £6,000 for Preston and £4,000 for Chorley.

This supports the Commissioner's priority to tackle violent crime linked to the night time economy and supports neighbourhood policing.

## 2.3 THE BIRCHALL TRUST

The Trust currently offer rape and sexual assault support services in Lancashire but have had to close their waiting list for adult therapeutic support due to demand exceeding resources. They have asked if any funding would be available to support this service in the current year.

Whilst the PCC is supporting the Survivors Trust in establishing a new Rape & Sexual Support Centre in Preston, which will come on stream in 2014, this provision of immediate support would enable support services to continue in Lancashire.

### **Recommendation:**

That the Commissioner provide **£11,000** funding to support the immediate delivery of rape and sexual assault services for victims in Lancashire by the Birchall Trust.

That funding would be conditional on Birchall Trust assuring the Commissioner that funding will be used for Lancashire residents only and that they will provide details of the number of sessions and/or number of clients that could be supported by the funding.

## 2.4 STREETS UK (John Magee)

Project developed in the Blackburn area to be used in schools and community groups with young people to divert them away from ASB, Criminal Damage, Hate Crime etc.

The project will focus on work in schools and with a number of community groups. Funding is sought to support the roll out of the "Consequences Game" including leader training.

Streets UK have requested £2,500 towards a total project cost of £5,000 and they had indicated that they were hoping to obtain match funding from Blackburn with Darwen Council. It is understood that a grant of £1000 has been allocated by the Council.

**Recommendation:**

That the Commissioner does not support this funding request. The Commissioner has already provided substantial funding for early intervention work with young people in the Blackburn area through the Positive Together programme and through the Community Action Fund.

**2.5 LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY - WHITE AND VME SERVICE SATISFACTION**

A request has been received to support some UCLAN research work within communities to identify possible causes of variations in satisfaction levels within the VME community.

**Recommendation:**

That the Commissioner proposes that this project is led by the OPCC and linked to work being undertaken by the PCC Communications Team for which funding is already available.

**3. Implications:**

3.1 This item has the following implications, as indicated:

- Approval of the use of the Community Safety Fund as outlined above will provide support for the Commissioner's Aims and Priorities.
- Approval of the use of the Home Office Community Safety Fund as outlined in this paper will ensure that the fund is fully committed and there is no under spend of the grant in 2013/14.

**4 Risk management**

**4.1 Reputational Risk**

Non-approval of all or some of the use of the Community Safety Fund may result in damage to the reputation of the Commissioner.

**4.2 Financial Risk**

As the Community Safety Fund has been approved by the Home Office there will be no risk to other areas of police funding.

**4.3 Equality, Diversity and Human Rights**

Partners use of the funding will be monitored to ensure that there are no risks for the Commissioners in regard to Equality, Diversity and Human Rights matters.

**5. Public access to information**

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation.

Any fact or advice that should not be made automatically available on request will not be included in Part I but instead as a Part II form.

Decisions will be available on the Police and Crime Commissioner's website within 2 working days of being approved.

<b>Officer declaration</b>	<b>Date</b>
The legal services team have been consulted on this proposal.	
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
The Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	
<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b>EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b>CONSULTATION</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Chief Executive Officer (Monitoring Officer)</b>  I have been informed about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.  Signature.....Date.....	