



Relates to Decision No 2012/17

Appendix A

THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE

TITLE: COMMUNITY SAFETY FUND 2013-14 (2)

1. Background and Advice

- 1.1 A number of principles were established with partners in discussions regarding the possible use of the Commissioner's Community Safety Fund:
- Funding commitments would be for 2013-14 only.
 - All funding must be used for Outcomes that support the Commissioner's Strategic Aims and Priorities as outlined in the Police and Crime Plan.
 - Where applicable, discussions would take place during 2013 regarding future funding models for the services and activities being funded.
 - The Commissioner's intent is to work with partners to achieve the outcomes agreed and where applicable the Commissioner will be represented on relevant management/governing bodies to support partners in achieving those outcomes. Administration of funding will take a "light touch" approach and performance management will be via partners existing models.
- 1.2 The Commissioner has received notification from the Home Office of the allocation of Community Safety Fund for 2013-14 at £1.794M
- 1.3 Whilst this figure appears to cover the previous Home Office funding streams listed below this is not an exact replication of the funding received by partners in 2012-13 and the use of the funding is to be determined by the Commissioner:
- (i) Community Safety Grant – paid to top tier authorities
 - (ii) YOT Substance Misuse Fund – paid in 2012/13 to the Police Authority
 - (iii) Home Office element of Drugs Intervention Programme Funds
 - (iv) Violence Against Women and Girls Grant
 - (v) Positive Future Grant
- 1.4 The Commissioner has previously approved the allocation of £1.25M of the Community Safety Fund under Decision 2012/10.
- 1.5 **Lancashire 12 Area** have proposed that the following further areas of activity are supported subject to further details on the delivery and governance structures being agreed:
- The provision of funding for early intervention work focused on tackling domestic abuse and child sexual exploitation, supporting initiatives taking place with young people - £50,000

- The provision of funding for Anti-Social Behaviour initiatives in particular to support development of a swift and effect response and support for victims - £50,000
- The provision of funding for each of the 12 district area Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) for local initiatives which support the priorities in both the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan and the areas Community Safety Plan - £10,000 per CSP / £120,000 total.
- To provide funding for use within the Lancashire 12 Area which supports the delivery of the Commissioner's priorities as outlined in the Police and Crime Plan. Details of use to be agreed with the OPCC - £39,667

1.6 **Domestic Abuse Funding.** The Commissioner has identified Domestic Abuse as a key priority and has provided additional funding from the core police budget to support delivery in the Lancashire 12 Area.

Proposed that additional support is provided for delivery of Domestic Abuse services and early intervention initiatives in the Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool areas as follows:

- Blackburn with Darwen - £51,400
- Blackpool - £51,700

(Proposals are based on the same ratio of funding as the community safety funding allocated for use in the three top tier authority areas)

1.7 **Positive Futures Funding.** This provides a range of targeted crime prevention and diversion initiatives for young people delivered by Lancashire Sports Partnership and Groundwork with support from Lancashire Probation Trust, LDAAT and Lancashire YOT. This work was previously funding directly through a Home Office grant equating to £108,000 per year. It is proposed that the Commissioner fund this programme for 2013-14 at the same level - £108,000.

1.8 **Inside Out Project,** works with prisoners released from HMP Preston who are serving sentences of less than 12 months. Prisoners are given an enhanced resettlement service in prison and resettlement support in the community including the offer of a volunteer mentor. Initial funding up to 31 March 2013 was provided by the former Safer Lancashire Board and a new funding stream has been identified from October 2013 onwards. A range of partners have agreed to provide interim support to bridge the period between March and October and have requested support from the Commissioner - £5,000

1.9 **Partnership Funding Provision.** The Commissioner's core budget has a provision of £180,000 to support partnership working in 2013-14. It is proposed that this funding be used to support the Home Office Community Safety Fund to provide an enhanced fund for the Commissioner to work with partners in the delivery of the priorities outlined in the Police and Crime Plan.

2. Consultations

2.1 Meetings have taken place between the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and relevant officers in the following local authorities and partners agencies

- Blackburn with Darwen Council
- Blackpool Council
- Lancashire County Council
- Lancashire Community Safety Strategy Group Working Group including representatives from the 12 district councils
- Lancashire Sport Partnership and Groundwork
- Lancashire Probation Trust

3. Implications:

3.1 This item has the following implications, as indicated:

- Approval of the use of the Community Safety Fund will provide ongoing support for a wide range of community safety programmes and activity that will contribute to the delivery of the Commissioner's Strategic Aims and Community Safety Key Priorities.
- Non-approval of some or all of the proposals will result in the closure of a number of community safety programmes and activity which will have a negative impact on the delivery of the Commissioner's Strategic Aims and Community Safety Key Priorities.
- Approval of the use of the Home Office Community Safety Fund as outlined in this paper will leave an un-allocated amount from the fund of £71,913.
- Approval to link the £180,000 of partnership funding in the Commissioner's core budget to the Community Safety Fund will provide the Commissioner with an un-allocated funding of £251,913 for partnership and community work to support the priorities outlined in the Police and Crime Plan.

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. Background Papers

5.1 The following background papers are relevant to this matter:

- Lancashire Community Safety Strategy Group report on joint commissioning of Domestic Abuse services in the Lancashire 12 Area.

6. 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.

Officer declaration	Date
The legal services team have been consulted on this proposal.	22.01.13
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
The Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	13.03.13
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS	
The Strategic Advisor & Partnerships Officer have undertaken consultation with partners on this proposal	Dec 2012 – March 2013
CONSULTATION	
<p>Chief Executive Officer (Monitoring Officer)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Signature.....Date.....</p>	