

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE
AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER**

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NOTICE OF DECISION

[006/2019]

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Title: External Grants 2019-20

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A decision to:

- **allocate funding to a total of £2,152,500 to a series of projects and schemes in 2019-20 detailed in Annex A of this document in support of the objectives in the West Midlands Police and Crime Plan 2016 - 2020**

Schedule 9 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides Police and Crime Commissioners with the powers to award crime and disorder grants they consider will help them achieve their crime prevention and wider priorities.

DECISION

I approve the allocation of funding to the projects in Annex A and, in accordance with the Joint Scheme of Corporate Governance, delegate the authorisation of expenditure of the projects to the Chief Executive.

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands. Any interests are indicated below.

Signature.....*David Davies*

Date.....*13.2.19.*

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

External grants, 2019/20

The Police and Crime Plan 2016 - 2020 sets out the Commissioner's police and crime objectives. These include:

- Protecting from harm
- Supporting victims of crime
- Building trust and confidence in our police
- Strengthening communities and growing the economy
- Building a modern police service
- Standing up for young people
- Tackling national and international threats

Managers within the PCC's office have been developing proposals for funding during 2019/20. These were reviewed as a management team in January 2019 to construct the list of projects detailed in Annex A. A number of these projects have already commenced in 2017/18 and 2019/20 will be the third year of funding. All the projects will assist in the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan.

The proposed projects and schemes will be allocated to lead member of staff in the PCC's office, and, as appropriate, there will be project management and oversight arrangements in place, to include project plans, financial oversight, governance oversight, performance monitoring, outcomes monitoring, communications plans and engagement activity.

Responsibility for delivery is delegated to the Chief Executive in accordance with the Scheme of Joint Governance.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The external spend programme detailed in Annex A is supported by 2019/20 revenue funding and reserves as detailed in the Commissioners Budget for 2019/20.

Expenditure will be compliant with all appropriate requirements and procedures.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

External grants, 2019-20

Schedule 9 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides Commissioners with the powers to award crime and disorder grants to any organisations and projects they consider will help them achieve their crime prevention and wider priorities.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

The proposed schemes and projects address significant disadvantage among a number of groups:

- Individuals with mental health needs
- Young people not in employment, education or training
- Individuals who have had contact with the criminal justice system
- Individuals at risk of violence, particularly domestic violence

A number of projects are also aimed at addressing specific needs and issues affecting individuals with protected characteristics:

- Gender
- Ethnicity

A number of the external grant projects and schemes are also designed to facilitate and mobilise community and public activity, thereby increasing social capital and community cohesion.

Schedule of Background Papers

n/a

Public Access to Information

Information contained in this decision is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation. This decision will be made available on the Commissioner's website.

Annex A

Police Crime Commissioner - External Funding Plan 2019/20

| PRIORITY AREA | PURPOSE | FUNDING REQUIRED 2019/20 |
|---|---|-----------------------------|
| European Social Fund Youth Employment Initiative - Progression Pathways For NEETs | Project to support at least 9,212 Young people, aged 15-24 years old, who are Not Engaged in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs) around integration into service and skills support and ultimately progression into sustainable jobs. PCC investment is contributed to the overall project cost of £14.4m. This includes and estimated £7.2m of European Funding. Project has not been approved to date and is currently being evaluated by DWP. Application to DWP details that outcomes (employment or training) are expected for 3,962 of under 25 year olds. Further work to be completed to determine outcomes | £184,000 |
| Active Citizens | West Midlands wide project allowing neighbourhood policing units to work with organisations to develop and implement projects that actively support citizens to make their communities safer. | £400,000 |
| Violence Prevention Alliance | Continuation of project working in partnership with police and Public Health. Projects adopts a public health approach of identifying and addressing root causal factors to reduce violence and improve health, wellbeing and safety. Interventions are evidenced based, testing and evaluating new approaches will be undertaken. Particular projects will include mentors in schools, responding earlier to domestic abuse within Primary Care, intervening in acute health settings and support systems to understand adverse childhood experiences. | £400,000 |
| Violence Prevention Alliance Reducing offending through employment - Black Country | Core costs, admin, project manager, health scientists, admin. Prevention project to encourage young people into employment and training. Project being delivered through Catch 22 organisation in Wolverhampton that works with young people to prevent them becoming involved in gangs and give them an exit strategy if they are in gangs. | £137,000 £160,000 |

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|---|---|-----------------------------|
| Whole system approach to female offenders (New Chance). | Offender management programme. | £100,000 |
| Reducing offending through employment - Coventry | Projects to be developed that support finding employment for young ex-offenders in Coventry. Being delivered through Coventry Youth Partnership Consortium. | £75,000 |
| Mentoring Project | Mentoring for high risk SAC offenders who are managed by the Coventry IOM team. | £28,000 |
| West Midlands Combined Authority | Payment for observer status on WMCA. | £25,000 |
| Precious Lives Project | Education project on the impact of violent crime on those involved and diversionary activity away from crime, in particular knife/weapon carrying. | £45,000 |
| Domestic Abuse: A Whole of System Approach (Drive) Project - Police Transformation Fund Bid | Project Drive is a £5.7 million national project being coordinated by the Metropolitan Police. The Drive Project involves working with serial perpetrators, offering one-to-one support to break the cycle of domestic abuse. | £341,000 |
| Child Brain Injury Trust - CBIT | This project will involve a training and awareness raising programme for dozens of education and youth offending practitioners in the West Midlands to help them spot the signs of undiagnosed brain injuries and the risk this poses for future criminal behaviour. The programme will help professionals identify and refer children to get the support they need and prevent crime. This project also has inbuilt evaluation, working with academics at Sheffield University, to measure its success so ascertain its value going forward. | £25,000 |
| Unitas Art Project | This project is an evidence-based arts programme providing dozens of children across the West Midlands with arts diversion activities to help prevent future criminal activity. It is focussed on young people who have already fallen into the criminal justice system or are at risk of doing so. It will involve an evaluation of its success too, and ties into the gangs & violence agenda. | £50,000 |

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| Think Ahead 19-20 | This project will involve a pilot of installing mental health social workers into local prisons to facilitate family relationship development and mental health support and resettlement for prisoners at risk of reoffending. This, again, can be targeted at those connected to gangs. | £50,000 |
| Legal Clinics | This project will involve targeting free legal advice at those at risk of offending to help them with legal issues around domestic violence, debt problems, housing issues and other risk factors that can lead to desperation, poor wellbeing and crime. | £10,000 |
| Ethics Committee - Expenses | The ethics committee has been established to advise on the ethics of WMP's data analytics. The members are unremunerated but reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed. | £10,000 |
| Estates External Advice | To engaging an adviser, regarding a number of sites. | £100,000 |
| Longford Scholars Fees | This project involves providing work experience to rehabilitated ex-offenders with high potential. Modest payment is made for internships and reasonable expenses. | £2,500 |
| University Research Funding e.g: Family In Secure Setting | There may be a need to contribute further to the design and development of proposals for a new secure children's facility in the West Midlands – currently being funded by DfE - £100,000. If the PCC agrees to provide further support, there may be an advantage in funding additional elements of research such as specialist advice on 'service user' voice components to the design. It may be that we can attract match funding from other partners for this. | £10,000 |
| TOTAL | | £2,152,500 |