

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE
AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER**

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NOTICE OF DECISION

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Title: External grants and provision of services for victims of crime, 2016-17

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A decision to:

- allocate funding to a total of £1,828,000 to a series of projects and schemes in 2016-17 in support of the objectives in the West Midlands Police and Crime Plan (*Pride in Our Police*) – Annex A
- allocate funding to a total of £1,441,064 to a series of projects in 2016-17 to provide services of victims of crime – Annex B

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.

The funding for services to support victims of crime will be issued as a grant under s56 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004.

DECISION

I approve the allocation of funding to the projects at Annex A and B and, in accordance with the Joint Scheme of Corporate Governance, authorise the Chief Executive to provide support from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner as necessary.

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 West Midlands Office for Policing and Crime. Any interests are indicated below.

Signature.....

Date.....17.03.16.....

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

External grants, 2016-17

The Police and Crime Plan (*Pride in Our Police*) sets out the Commissioner's police and crime objectives. Key among these are:

- Confidence in policing
- Better support for people with mental health needs
- Supporting local policing and public engagement
- Supporting economic development
- Reducing reoffending
- Preventing and detecting hidden crimes
- Organised crime and street gangs
- Preventing Violence Alliance
- Evidence based policing
- Effective Partnerships

In December 2015, OPCC staff undertook a collation exercise to identify key projects and schemes suitable for funding by the Commissioner, creating a long list of potential projects and schemes. These proposals were reviewed in January 2016, as part of an Office awayday, to prioritise and rank the projects and schemes by their relevance to the Police and Crime Plan, their importance to partnership working, any prior funding commitments, and their "deliverability" within current resources.

The proposed projects and schemes will be allocated to lead staff in the OPCC, 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.

There will be public reporting to be agreed after the May 2016 election.

Information on the proposed projects and schemes is at Annex A.

Provision of services for victims of crime

From April 1st 2015, Police and Crime Commissioners took on responsibility for commissioning locally most of the emotional and practical support services for victims of crime that are provided by the voluntary and community sector. These services help victims to cope with and recover from the impacts of crime.

The services that have been commissioned form part of a complex and varied network of support that exists for victims, to ensure that the needs of victims are met through improved services. The Victims Commission, the Commissioners' expert advisory group of

representatives from the voluntary and community sector have recommended support services in a number of key areas that the Commissioner needs to address. All services will offer a West Midlands response across areas of critical need and emerging issues. Annex B sets out the funding awarded.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

External Grants, 2016-17

The external spend programme is supported by 2016-17 revenue funding and carry-forward from 2015-16 allocations.

Expenditure will be compliant with all appropriate requirements and procedures.

Provision of services for victims of crime

Expenditure will be met from grant funding received from the Ministry of Justice.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

External grants, 2016-17

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.

Provision of services for victims of crime

The funding will be issued as a grant under s56 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004.

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
- Victims of crimes, including victims of domestic abuse and serious sexual offences

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: Project	Description	Budget (000s)	Link to Police and Crime Plan
Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programme	Force-wide trial of interventions to reduce offending by perpetrators of domestic violence	500	Reducing reoffending Preventing and detecting hidden crimes Effective Partnerships
Whole system approach to female offenders	Offender management programme aimed at women.	100	Reducing reoffending Effective Partnerships
Reducing reoffending through employment - Coventry / Black Country	Projects, to be developed, that support finding employment for young ex-offenders in Coventry and the Black Country	200	Supporting economic development Reducing reoffending
Hawk Construction	Construction industry training for convicted offenders to support them into employment after release	20	Supporting economic development Reducing reoffending
Roots for Life	Mental health support programme to help people into employment	150	Better support for people with mental health needs Supporting economic development
Small projects fund	Small grants to community projects - WMPCC scheme	40	Supporting local policing and public engagement

Stop and Search education	Force-wide roll-out of schools-based stop and search education	50	Supporting local policing and public engagement Evidence based policing Confidence in policing
Proceeds of Crime Act / Police Property Act legacy projects	Soft-landing funding for projects that are no longer eligible for POCA/PPA	100	Supporting local policing and public engagement
Gangs and Violence Commission	Project costs	45	Organised crime and street gangs Preventing Violence Alliance Supporting local policing and public engagement Effective Partnerships
Knife bins	At least one knife bin in each local authority area, possible refurbishment of existing bins, ongoing costs	10	Organised crime and street gangs Preventing Violence Alliance Supporting local policing and public engagement
300 Voices	Mentoring project aimed at African-Caribbean men. MIND as provider.	20	Reducing reoffending Better support for people with mental health needs
Active Citizens	Supporting activity funded by Proceeds of Crime Act and Police Property Act.	65	Supporting local policing and public engagement

<p>European Social Fund, Youth Employment Initiative</p>	<p>Birmingham and Solihull mentoring and support project aimed at young people not in education, employment or training. Specific support for young offenders. £500k also in 17-18, provisional £200-300k in 18-19</p>	<p>500</p>	<p>Reducing reoffending Effective Partnerships Supporting economic development</p>
<p>West Midlands Combined Authority</p>	<p>Non-constituent member equivalent payment. OPCC has observer status</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>Effective Partnerships Supporting economic development</p>
<p>Perceptions of Taser</p>	<p>Equipment for a film for use with communities and expert audiences on Taser. Particular interest to audiences concerned with mental health.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Evidence based policing Confidence in policing</p>
	<p>Total (000s)</p>	<p>1828</p>	

Annex B

Organisation	Service Provided	Crime Type	Total
Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid	Provision of 2 court based Independent Domestic Violence Advisors in Birmingham	Domestic Abuse	£41,778
Sandwell Women's Aid	Provision of 1 court based Independent Domestic Violence Advisor in Sandwell and Dudley	Domestic Abuse	£38,170
Crisis Point	Provision of practical and emotional support to vulnerable victims of sexual abuse in Walsall and Wolverhampton	Sexual Violence	£59,078
Coventry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (CRASAC)	Provision of outreach, specialist support and counselling services in Coventry for vulnerable groups of BME women and young girls from the age of 11 who are victims of rape or sexual violence	Sexual Violence	£102,498
Community Vision CIC OASIS Support Services	A whole family intervention service or one to one support with group activities specialising in BME victims	Enhanced services for victims of the 3 categories of the Victims Code	£80,620
West Midlands IDVA Service	Provision of independent and impartial support for all high risk victims/survivors of domestic abuse	Domestic and Sexual abuse	£50,000
1 st contact, assessment and referral service delivered by Victim Support	Provision of the Commissioners statutory duty to deliver a 1 st contact, assessment and referral service to all victims of crime.	Support Services for victims of the 3 categories of the Victims Code	£1,038,920

Restorative Justice Pan Birmingham Project	Project Management and evaluation of the Pan Birmingham Restorative Justice Project. The new funding will expand the team's remit to work across Birmingham, working with up to 40 housing associations who deliver services to over 40 000 tenants.	Restorative Justice	£47, 268
RISC Associates	Support Project for Victims of Business Crime – extension of project to allow for evaluation and planning for West Midlands delivery	Crime	£30,000
Total			£1,441,064