



Cambridgeshire
Police & Crime
Commissioner

To: Business Co-ordination Board

From: Chief Executive

Date: 25 November 2013

APPROACH TO CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION GRANTS

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to update the Board on: the process to award Crime and Disorder Reduction Grants for 2014/15 including discussions with Cambridgeshire Community Foundation to manage a youth fund on behalf of the OPCC.

2. Recommendations

2.1 To note the direction of travel regarding the allocation of Crime and Disorder Reduction Grants from the historical Community Safety Fund.

2.2 To agree the signing of a Decision Making Notice to provide Cambridgeshire Community Foundation with £40,000 to establish a Police and Crime Commissioner Youth Fund. This is to be funded from the Police Property Act monies.

2.3 To agree that the process for approving these grants (mentioned in 2.2) be integrated into the existing meeting structure to reduce bureaucracy and avoid the necessity for a separate meeting.

3. Background

3.1 The Community Safety Fund (CSF) which totalled £928,000 in 2012/13 becomes part of the general Formula Grant Allocation in 2014/15 and is subject to the same

reduction, floors and ceilings. This fund, which is made up of a number of central government grants, supports the work of community safety partnerships and other services such as drug and alcohol and youth offending.

3.2 The Police and Crime Commissioner can award Crime and Disorder Reduction Grants to any person /organisation which will secure or contribute to securing crime and disorder reduction in the body's area.

3.3 Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF) is a charity that administers grants on behalf of other organisations. It markets the fund and manages all the administration over the grant applications supporting applicants where required. They assess applications to ensure they are consistent with their charitable purpose, however a Grant Panel (see 5.3) makes the final decision on awards.

4 The process to renew existing Crime and Disorder Reduction Grants in 2014/15

4.1 The awarding of grants in the next financial year is being based on:

- Information received in the Star Chamber meetings
- The Police and Crime Priorities set in the Police and Crime Plan
- The overall Formula Grant Allocation – which is expected in late December.
- Consultation with the Constabulary
- Detailed bids are not being requested

4.2 Information has been sent to all grant recipients informing them of the above information. This also explained that the OPCC would proactively contact grant recipients where further information and a discussion about future funding was required.

4.3 As a result a dialogue has begun with the representatives from the two Drugs Intervention Programmes, which account for £317k of funding. The outcome of these discussions will direct future funding decisions.

5. Police and Crime Commissioner Youth Fund

5.1 The aim of the Youth Fund's is to engage young people in positive activities in their community in line with the Commissioner's pledge to **support work with young people to divert them away from a life of crime**. The projects must be linked to reducing youth crime, in line with the Police and Crime Objective to **Continue to tackle crime and disorder**, and the organisers must track the impact of their work.

5.2 Cambridgeshire Community Foundation suggest prioritising funding applications based on ward-level information linked to youth offending and levels of child

deprivation. This information is being gathered.

- 5.3 Cambridgeshire Community Foundation recommended the creation of a Grant Panel, to sit twice yearly to consider grant recommendations. This panel would be made up of the Commissioner, DPCC, Chief Executive of OPCC, Chief Constable and a trustee from the Foundation. However, it is suggested the grant awards could be made in a timelier manner by considering them at a meeting within the existing structure. This will reduce the necessity for another meeting and allow for regular monitoring and feedback.

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