



To: Business Coordination Board

From: Chief Executive and Chief Constable

Date: 17 December 2014

DEVELOPING RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROVISION IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To purpose of this report is to share with the Business Co-ordination Board (“the Board”) the outcome of the tender process to seek a Delivery Partner to progress Cambridgeshire Constabulary’s (“the Constabulary”) proposed Strategic Vision for the development of Restorative Justice within Cambridgeshire. This Vision was approved by the Board on the 2nd October 2014.
- 1.2 To present the Police and Crime Commissioner (“the Commissioner”) with a Decision Notice to sign to appoint Restorative Solutions Community Interest Company as the Delivery Partner for a one year period ending December 2015.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Board approves the appointment of Restorative Solutions as the Delivery Partner.
- 2.2 The Commissioner signs the Decision Notice.

3. Background

- 3.1 Restorative Justice is a process which “brings those harmed by crime or conflict, and those responsible for the harm, into communication, enabling everyone affected by a particular incident to play a part in repairing the harm and finding a positive way forward”.
- 3.2 A specific Victims Services Grant has been awarded by the Ministry of Justice to Police and Crime Commissioners which includes funds to develop victim-led Restorative Justice.
- 3.3 The Constabulary has prepared to take on this new responsibility through:
 - Commissioning of a scoping report to understand the current Restorative Justice provision in the county;

- Development of a Strategic Vision for the development of Restorative Justice within Cambridgeshire – which was shared with the public and partners during a six-week consultation period.
- Creation of a draft set of Commissioning Intentions which was also shared with the public and partners to enable previously unknown providers to express an interest in bidding to become a delivery partner;
- Sharing of Project Specification with five organisations with an invitation to bid to become a co-funding Delivery Partner;
- Evaluation of the bids to appoint a Delivery Partner.

4. Next Steps

- 4.1 Phase One: The Cambridgeshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Constabulary and Delivery Partner will work in partnership to develop and implement a plan to deliver victim-led Restorative Justice in the county. This will involve the design of a multi-agency ‘virtual’ Restorative Justice Hub model (integrated into the Victims’ Hub) for Cambridgeshire.
- 4.2 Phase Two: Capacity building of victim-led Restorative Justice provision in the county through grant funding of pilot work (with preference to those applications with long-term sustainability plans).
- 4.3 At all stages this work will be developed in consultation and in partnership with other agencies working in the county to deliver Restorative Justice provision (both victim and offender-led work). The existing Cambridgeshire Criminal Justice Board Victims and Witnesses sub-group will be the key conduit to enable this effective and transparent consultation.
- 4.4 Links will also be made with the Constabulary’s Out of Court Disposal Scrutiny Panel to consider how Restorative Justice fits within its Terms of Reference.

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