



Cambridgeshire
Police & Crime
Commissioner

To: Business Coordination Board

From: Chief Executive

Date: 11 August 2016

FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FROM ROAD CASUALTY REDUCTION AND SUPPORT FUND

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Business Coordination Board (“the Board”) for the approval of a tranche of funding from the Road Casualty Reduction and Support Fund (“the Fund”). It is also to highlight future plans for additional Constabulary resources to support the reduction of collisions on the county’s roads through effective and sustainable prevention and early intervention.

2. Recommendation

2.1 The Board is recommended to approve the request for funding below and note the plans for additional dedicated Constabulary resources to support the reduction of collisions on the county’s roads.

2.2 That the Police and Crime Commissioner (“the Commissioner”) signs the Decision Notice to approve this spend.

3. Background

3.1 The Fund was created from the underspend from the collaborated Bedfordshire Police, Cambridgeshire Constabulary (“the Constabulary”) and Hertfordshire Constabulary’s Camera, Ticket and Collision (“CTC”) unit from 2014/15 (Decision Notice CPCC 2015-025).

3.2 Funds are awarded in line with the ‘Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Road Safety Partnership Strategic Declaration’ (the “Partnership”) which is in effect the Commissioning Intentions – the Commissioner is fully supportive of this declaration.

4. Proposal

- 4.1 The Partnership is keen to expand the evidence base around what causes crashes on the county’s roads so they can target injury prevention work. They successfully bid into a national Road Safety Trust Fund and were awarded with £100k of the £129k needed to fund a PhD student from Loughborough University for three years to look in detail at crashes that cause severe injury and death, in particular examining the types of drivers that are involved in these.
- 4.2 The project brings together partners from the local authority, emergency services and Cambridge University Hospitals to explore whether prevention strategies targeted at groups of drivers similar to those considered culpable for crashes, rather than targeting groups who are likely to be injured, have an impact on road safety.
- 4.3 It is therefore in line with the Commissioning Intentions that the remaining funding: £7,700 in 2016/17, £10,352 in 2017/18 and £10,915 in 2018/19 is drawn from the wider Casualty Reduction and Support Fund.
- 4.4 The Commissioner and the Constabulary are keen to show their joint commitment in driving forward effective and sustainable prevention and early intervention to reduce collisions and therefore the cost to all public sector agencies and subsequent demand on policing resources. Therefore it is proposed that a proportion of this fund is allocated towards additional resources within the Constabulary to work with partners on this agenda. This is likely to comprise of an additional dedicated uniformed Police Casualty Reduction Officer and a police staff co-ordinator post for county-wide Volunteer Speedwatch schemes. A paper detailing the final projected costings will be brought to the Business Co-ordination Board meeting on 21 September 2016.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 The Board is recommended to approve the request for funding above and note the plans for additional dedicated Constabulary resources to support the reduction of collisions on the county’s roads.
- 5.2 The Commissioner signs the Decision Notice to approval this spend.

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Background Papers	‘Creation of the Casualty Reduction and Support Fund’ – paper as presented to the Business Coordination Board, Agenda Item 8.0, 27 August 2015 ‘Operation of Strategic Road Safety/Casualty Reduction Support Fund’ – paper as presented to the Business

	<p>Coordination Board, Agenda Item 12.0, 26th November 2015</p> <p>'Proposal for first round of funding allocations from Road Casualty Reduction and Support Fund' – paper as presented to the Business Coordination Board, Agenda Item 8.0, 16 December 2015</p> <p>http://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/work/BCB</p>
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