

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

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SURREY

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SUBJECT: LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING UPDATE

DIVISION: ALL TANDRIDGE

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

The Local Committee has a delegated budget of £3,000 for community safety projects. At the Local Committee meeting on 23 September 2016, the Local Committee agreed to a new process for allocating these funds, with the aim of giving the committee greater oversight of the expenditure and ensuring better value for money for projects that help to achieve the county's community safety priorities

This report provides an update the delayed project which took place in the summer of 2018 and information on the successful funding bid and how the money has been allocated for 2018/19.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Tandridge) is asked to:

- (i) Note the report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To ensure that the Local Committee is aware of the allocation of community safety funding to local Tandridge projects for 2018/19 and their expected outcomes.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

1.1 Prior to 2016, the Local Committee had historically chosen to passport its delegated community safety funding to the local Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to assist in their efforts to tackle crime and anti- social behaviour on behalf of residents.

1.2 Following countywide analysis of the projects that were funded through CSPs and the outcomes achieved, the Local Committee agreed that the local CSP and other local organisations, should firstly be invited to provide an outline of any prospective projects, and that the decision on which projects to fund be delegated to the Community Safety Team Manager, in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee.

To assist CSPs in identifying suitable projects, the following criteria has been used

- (a) Results in residents feeling safer
- (b) Has clear outcomes that align with the priorities of the Local Committee and/or the CSP
- (c) Is non recurrent expenditure
- (d) Does not fund routine CSP activities (e.g. salaries, training)
- (e) Is not subsumed into generalised or non-descript funding pots
- (f) Does not duplicate funding already provided (e.g. domestic abuse services, youth work, transport costs, literature which could be co-ordinated across all CSPs)

2. ANALYSIS:

Community Safety Funding 2017/18

Street Talk - £2000 - Funding for 2 youth workers

- 2.1 Street Talk is a detached youth work programme where youth workers go into the heart of a community, once a week for up to 3 hours, working with Police and other agencies to identify “hotspot” areas where vulnerable young people are at risk of being targeted with Child Sexual exploitation and/or maybe involved in crime and antisocial behaviour. Unfortunately there was a delay in starting the detached youth work due to difficulties in recruiting an assistant youth worker to work alongside the full time youth worker, however the project started in July 2018.

Two youth workers ran a programme weekly between July and October between 3.30-5.30pm visiting Hurst Green recreation ground, Caterham town centre and Caterham on the Hill. The targeted age range was 13-19 years old however the young people were much younger, often around 8 years old. Unfortunately, there was no consistency or regular pattern with returning young people at Mill Lane Rec and the parade of shops on Oak Close. Following a discussion with the Police, the Youth Workers attended Church Walk Shopping Centre and Croydon Road area. The Youth workers mainly engaged with children returning from school, again no ‘hang out’ spots were identified with young people returning regularly.

During the programme, youth workers sign posted young people to the WAVES project in Oxted which supports young people living with mental health issues and also share with young people the services available in Caterham, Oxted and Hurst Green.

The youth workers also attended the Summer Family event sessions at Hurst Green, Smallfield and Caterham on the Hill, engaging with 78 young people between 10 and 16 years old.

Successful bids for 2018/19 funding

- 2.2 In June 2018, the Local Committee again agreed to retain the £3000 community safety funding, and invite local bids for it, with the decision on successful projects being taken by the Community Safety Manager, in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee. One application was

received for the full £3000, and supported by the Chairman. The applicant has since received confirmation that their bid was successful.

Growing Against Violence

2.3 In the past year in Tandridge there has been a significant increase in the numbers of young people who have been criminally exploited, involved in dealing drugs and violent offences involving knives. Along with Reigate and Banstead, Tandridge is one of the districts in Surrey which is experiencing a wide range of criminal behaviour associated with gangs. This is centred on criminal exploitation for financial gain rather than ‘turf wars’ as traditionally associated with rival gangs.

2.4 Following a multi-agency gangs workshop in the summer, partners identified that early intervention in primary schools and support for at risk young people was required. The ‘Growing Against Violence’ programme has been successfully delivered in a number of primary schools in Reigate and Banstead Borough, these have been well received and the Community Safety Funding would fund the programme in Tandridge.

2.5 The project includes bringing expert support into the District to start to raise awareness of gangs and the criminal exploitation of young people. This would fund eight facilitation days to year 6 pupils across eight schools. This would include an interactive workshop which teaches refusal skills and builds awareness of negative peer pressure. Emphasis is placed on the differences between being “friends” and being “friendly”. Exploring how older peers can groom and coerce young people, advising young people how they can read the signs of gang membership, recognising how gangs recruit and understand the manipulative and coercive nature of gangs and gang members. The dynamic session highlights what gangs are really about and how they can exploit young people and put them and their families at risk. The session examines why gangs are not conventional friendship groups and challenge the “no snitching culture” empowering students to reject this. The aim of the session is also to address students’ anxiety about moving up to secondary school, and provide practical advice about staying safe, avoiding bullying and resources for seeking help if needed.

2.6 The intended outcomes for the programme are:

- To reduce the appeal of violence amongst young people.
- To improve confidence of young people in the Police.
- To provide a safe space for young people to disclose violent victimisation.
- To be the information hub on violence (for schools, young people, professionals, parents and communities).
- Young people will be better informed and aware of the dangers of being exploited by people who are posing as their friends and also the ease at which they can suddenly find themselves being exploited.
- Young people will be able identify the warning signs and how to avoid putting themselves at risk.

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- Young people will understand the consequences of holding, money, drugs or a phone for a ‘friend’.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 Not applicable as report for information.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 The Chairmen of the Local Committee was consulted on the application.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 None arising from this report. This report is for information.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 None arising from this report. This report is for information.

7. LOCALISM:

7.1 The successful projects in this report are projects that support the County Council’s strategic goal of enhancing resident experience.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	Set out below
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications.
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications.
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications.
Public Health	No significant implications

8.1 Crime and Disorder implications

The committee’s funding for local community safety projects enables the CSP and/or other local organisations to help to promote safety, reduce crime, and tackle antisocial behaviour and raise awareness of safer practices and behaviours.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Tandridge) is asked to

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10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 10.1 A summary of the projects and the outcomes will be provided in the Community Safety funding update Local Committee report in June 2019.

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Sources/background papers:

Report to Local Committee (Tandridge) 23 September 2016
Report to Local Committee (Tandridge) 23 June 2017
Report to Local Committee (Tandridge) 8 December 2018

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