



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)**

**DATE:** 21 JUNE 2019  
**LEAD OFFICER:** GORDON FALCONER, COMMUNITY SAFETY MANAGER  
**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 on the successful funding bid in 2018/19.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**The Local Committee (Tandridge) is asked to:**

- (i) Agree the committee's delegated community safety budget of £3,000 for 2019/20 be retained by the SCC Community Safety Team, on behalf of the local committee, and that the Community Safety Partnership and/or other local organisations be invited to submit proposals for funding that meet the criteria and principles set out in section 3 of this report.
- (ii) Agree that authority be delegated to the SCC Community Safety Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the local committee and divisional members as appropriate, to authorise the expenditure of the community safety budget in accordance with the criteria and principles stated in section 3 of this report.
- (iii) Agree that committee receives updates on the project(s) that was funded, the outcomes and the impact it has achieved.
- (iv) Note the project update from the 2018/19 Community Safety Funding.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The report sets out a process for allocating the committee's delegated community safety budget of £3,000 to local organisations to achieve the recommendations outlined above.

There is also an update on how last year's funding was used in order to provide visibility and promote accountability within the Community Safety Partnership.

**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 2018/19**

2.1 In June 2018, the Local Committee 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. There was one successful application which received the full £3000.

**Growing Against Violence**

2.2 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.

2.3 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.

2.4 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.

#### 2.5 Delivery statistics

The funding allowed for the delivery of:

- The year 6 programme 'Friend versus Friendly' to seven different classes
- The year 5 programme 'So Social media' to four different classes
- The KS3/4 programme 'Weapons, Choices & Consequences' within a pupil referral unit.

The delivery outputs were:

- 5 Primary schools
- 1 Pupil Referral Unit
- 342 students
- 684 hours of preventative education.

The students who have received the preventative education attend the following schools.

**Primary schools: (5)**

- Burstow Primary
- Holland Junior
- Marden Lodge primary
- St Catherine's primary
- Whyteleafe primary

**PRU**

- Reigate Valley College (attended by young people who live in Tandridge)

Summary of the sessions

2.6 The facilitators advised that 'the students were very engaging and gave some thoughtful responses amid concerns about gang violence in London, in particular the Croydon area.

The teachers, safeguarding leads and Senior Leadership Team were equally enthusiastic engaged & supportive of their students & the Growing Against Violence programme. A couple of sites were interested in being able to book professional sessions for the staff as well as parent sessions.'

2.7 Of the 126 who completed the evaluation forms 100% enjoyed the session with 97% stating they felt they were able to make safer decisions based on the information provided at the session. 98% of young people felt that session provided them with knowledge on the risk and consequences of gangs and gang violence, with the same percentage advising they felt they had the confidence recognise when someone is trying to recruit them to a gang and to walk away.

**2019/20 Funding**

2.8 As in the previous year, a clear and simple process designed to support CSPs will be adopted in order that funds can be processed efficiently this year.

2.9 Local CSPs will be invited to submit a brief outline of the projects that they would like to put the committee's funding towards, on a simple template designed for this purpose.

2.10 To assist CSPs in identifying suitable projects, the following criteria will be provided as a guide:

- (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)

- 2.11 To ensure funds can be utilised within the current financial year, it is suggested that a deadline, yet to be confirmed, is imposed for the submission of outline projects by CSPs and/or local organisations. This deadline will be communicated widely to local CSPs and partner organisations.
- 2.12 To ensure that funds can be distributed speedily and efficiently, it is recommended that authority is delegated to the SCC Community Safety Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Local Committee, along with the relevant divisional member, to authorise the expenditure of the committee's funds outside the formal quarterly committee meeting cycle. This should allow local organisations to obtain approval, initiate and implement projects with the minimum of delay.
- 2.13 Once implemented, the CSP and any other recipients of this funding will be required to provide the local committee with a short update on each project, outlining how the funding was used and the difference and impact it has made in the local community.

### **3. OPTIONS:**

- 3.1 All viable options were considered and appraised when forming the recommendations to the Local committee. The previous arrangement, whereby the committee transferred both its funding and the decision-making about how the funding could be used to the CSP was not considered to provide sufficient information on the impact that the funding or the outcomes it had achieved.
- 3.2 The recommended funding arrangements will employ a simple process for the commitment of funds by the committee to enable greater scrutiny over the use of this funding.

### **4. CONSULTATIONS:**

- 4.1 Local committee chairmen were collectively consulted about this process for allocating community safety funding as recommended in this report, before its implementation in 2017.

### **5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:**

- 5.1 The costs of the recommendations in this report are contained within existing revenue budgets. Early scrutiny of proposed projects by CSPs and local organisations will help to achieve better value for money for the Committee's funding.

### **6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:**

- 6.1 There are no direct equalities or diversity implications. However, through its membership of the local CSP and external bodies, the County Council can help to ensure that local services are accessible to harder to reach groups. The CSP also maintains ongoing monitoring of hate and domestic abuse crimes.

**7. LOCALISM:**

7.1 The proposals contained in this report will enable CSPs and/or other suitable local organisations to submit projects that support the County Council's strategic goal of enhancing resident experience.

**8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

<b>Area assessed:</b>	<b>Direct Implications:</b>
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:**

9.1 The recommendations contained in this report are intended to secure greater oversight of the committee's community safety expenditure and achieve better value for money through projects that help to achieve the County's community safety priorities.

**10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

10.1 The CSP will be advised of the funding process agreed by the Local Committee and invited to access this funding

10.2 A summary of the projects and the outcomes will be provided in the Community Safety funding update Local Committee report in June 2020.

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**Sources/background papers:**

Report to Local Committee (Tandridge) 23 September 2016  
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