

## SURREY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

### COMMUNITY SAFETY FUND

29 November 2013

#### **Summary:**

In addition to the Government grant and precept for Surrey Police, in 2013/14 the Police and Crime Commissioner also received a new grant from the Home Office Community Safety fund. This funding was in addition to the Home Office main police grant and was to be used specifically to commission services to improve community safety in the force area; tackle drugs and crime; and reduce re-offending. The money is not ring-fenced and PCC's have the freedom and flexibility to use the money as they see fit to support their wider crime prevention priorities.

The purpose of this paper is to reassure the members of the Police and Crime Panel that there is a robust process in place to assess the applications, allocate the funding and evaluate the projects.

#### **Eligibility Criteria:**

Applications are welcome from any organisation or community group for funds under £5000, although larger bids will be considered in exceptional circumstances. The applicant must demonstrate how their project will help the Police and Crime Commissioner deliver his commitment of the People's Priorities as set out in the Police and Crime plan. Furthermore there are three Home Office criteria that are assessed as part of the application process. These are:

- reduction of crime and disorder (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment),
- combating the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances, and
- reduction of re-offending.

**Decision Making Process:**

On a quarterly basis the Deputy PCC meets with the Neighbourhood Superintendent who is also the force lead for Anti-Social Behaviour to review the applications. An agreement has recently been made with Michael Goodwin QC, a leading Financial Criminal Barrister, who also sits as a Judge in south London. His commitment to join the panel will bring a totally independent view to the decision-making process. We are anticipating being joined by Mrs Helen Bowcock the current High Sheriff in May 2014.

The applications are initially assessed in terms of the criteria above and if these are met, the decision makers also look for evidence of:

- clear timescales,
- a baseline position and intended outcomes (with measures);
- what additional resources (people or money) are available from partners to complement any awarded resources by the PCC;
- whether this is a one off project or not. If the bid looks for pump priming the bid should show how funding will be sustained beyond the initial funding period;
- consistency with the best practice principles of the Surrey Compact (where working with Voluntary, Community and Faith groups);
- clear performance management processes.

If the panel agree that the application meets the Peoples Priorities and the Home Office criteria but that detail on how the project will be delivered is weak, they will request further information from the applicant and on some occasions visit the organisation to look at how the project would be delivered in practice.

**Monitoring Process:**

Once the panel are satisfied that the information they have been supplied with has enabled them to make an informed decision, all applicants are notified of the outcomes.

Successful applicants receive an 'application agreement' which must be signed and returned before any funds are transferred. This agreement lists the outcomes expected, the evaluation and monitoring process and time-frames for reporting back to the Office of the PCC.

The monitoring and evaluation requested, very much depends on the project itself and the amount of funds committed. A complete list of the projects that have been funded so far is included at appendix A. Updates and feedback from the first applications supported are due in January 2014.

**Funding and Auditing**

The funding is applied for and acquired retrospectively from the Home Office on a quarterly basis. The OPCC submits a record of the bids that have been successful in the previous quarter, and requests the funds to cover these costs. The OPCC application to the Home Office is signed by the OPCC Treasurer before being sent to the Home Office to release the funds.

**Additional Considerations**

Where funding applications are declined feedback is offered by the Deputy PCC and Lead Officer.

Further work is in progress to ascertain what other funding streams are available across the County as it is patently clear there is need for some form of centralised register of funds and bids to avoid duplication and wastage.

Additionally there is a sense of frustration that this funding is based on this financial year only, with any funds not spent by April 2014 being retained by the Home Office. The Deputy PCC has already been in discussion with the High Sheriff with a view to beginning joint working on funding applications next year, when regardless of any Home Office decision, the Commissioner will set aside some level of funding, albeit much lower than this years.

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Appendix A – A list of the applications supported so far during the 2013/14 financial year (more details for each of these projects is published on the OPCC website 'Our Work / Decisions of the PCC').

Eagle Radio	Online and Social Media Law and Ethics programme in schools	£31,500.00
Mediation North Surrey	Mediation training for volunteers	£5,000.00
Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre	Part-Time Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA)	£22,000.00
Surrey Fire and Rescue	Safe Drive Stay Alive	£9,000.00
Surrey Fire and Rescue	Youth Engagement Scheme	£21,220.00
Surrey Police	SHOuT Multi-Agency Youth Conference	£5,000.00
Be Your Best Foundation	Crime Prevention, performing arts competition	£5,000.00
Cyber Champions	E-safety workshops	£2,000.00
Epsom and Ewell CSP	Myth Busters - Drug and Alcohol Abuse Education in Epsom & Ewell Schools	£4,700.00
Guildford Diocesan Board of Finance	Surrey Appropriate Adult Volunteer Scheme (SAAVS)	£3,000.00
Horley Town Council	Wireless Bridge for CCTV at Court Lodge playing fields	£3,500.00
Outline	LGBT Crime Reporting	£2,700.00
SCC Youth Support Services	Youth Substance Misuse	£54,595.00
Spelthorne BC	Spelthorne Police and Crime Summit - ASB Project	£500.00
Surrey Police	Awareness raising of disability hate crime	£6,500.00
Surrey Police	Personal Safety Workshop	£512.00
Surrey Police	Police Support Volunteers Event Team	£857.50
Surrey Police	Prevent Partnership Workshop	£2,000.00
Surrey Police	SHOuT Youth Conference	£4,000.00
Transformation	Belmont House Project	£4,000.00
Young Witness Service	Manager post	£30,000.00

Youth Empowerment Services+	Session work	£5,000.00
Runnymede CSP	Scam awareness leaflets	£1,000.00
Eikon	Crime Prevention Workshops	£1,670
KAG	Being Assertive	£5,000
Lucy Faithfull Foundation	Parents Protect	£15,500
New Haw Library Community Partnership	CCTV	£568.00
Oakleaf	Social Activities Programme	£3,861.00
Spelthorne BC	Junior Citizen equipment	£350.00
Spelthorne Neighbourhood Watch	Street Signs	£262.40
Surrey Drug & Alcohol Care Ltd	Radio Advert	£3,000
Surrey Fire and Rescue	Safe Drive	£10,000
Surrey Police	Contest Conference	£1,500
Surrey Police, Age UK	Drive Smarter, Drive Longer	£626.97
	TOTAL	£265,922.87

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