



To: Business Coordination Board

From: Chief Executive

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Developing a partnership response to reducing crime and disorder

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Business Coordination Board (“the Board”) on countywide partnership working to reduce crime and disorder and the associated grants awarded by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

2. Recommendation

2.1 The Board is recommended to note the contents of the report.

3. Background

3.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 gave statutory responsibility to local authorities, the police, health, probation and fire (as responsible authorities) to reduce crime and disorder in their communities. For two tier authorities, such as Cambridgeshire, a statutory Community Safety Agreement was introduced which sets out work to be co-ordinated at a county-level. Work is developed to tackle local ‘place-based’ issues by the six Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) who operate within district/unitary council boundaries.

3.2 Thematic delivery groups have been set up to respond to the high risk areas which responsible authorities have sought to be co-ordinated at a countywide level. These groups are being supported to focus on evidence-based work based on local needs assessments. Report are given quarterly to the overarching Countywide Community Safety Strategic Board chaired by the Commissioner. This supports all partners taking a joined up approach to working towards the shared outcomes set in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Police and Crime Plan.

4 Reviewing the Countywide Community Safety Agreement

4.1 The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (“the OPCC”) worked with partners in 2017 to develop a refreshed agreement to ensure there was leadership of high risk areas. At the January 2018 Countywide Community Safety Strategic Board partners agreed it would be helpful to have a head of terms, or Memorandum of Understanding between the place-based CSPs and countywide risk-focused thematic groups. This would set out not only how they link with each other but also align with the local Living Well health partnerships.

5. Crime and disorder reduction grants

5.1 The Commissioner awards just short of £1.2m of grants to organisations who he believes will secure or contribute to securing crime and disorder reduction in the area. A full list of the grants, aligned to the section of the Police and Crime Plan they support, awarded in 2018/19 is attached at Appendix 1.

5.2 The award of grants is made in line with the Commissioner’s Grants and Commissioning Strategy. This in particular is based on a set of key principles in particular the importance of responding to identified need and risks with evidence-based early interventions pan-county. It advocates co-commissioning approaches where pooled budgets can ensure the greatest impact (demonstrated through outcomes) for investment.

5.3 Historically a combined pot of £155k has been made available for CSPs. This year the Commissioner has not automatically awarded each area with a grant. The process is under review until the Memorandum of Understanding, referred to in 4.1, is completed. The Commissioner has considered bids for existing evidence-based work where areas have been able to show the work would be de-stabilised without continued funding.

5.4 The Commissioner is keen to explore a countywide approach to developing thematic and place-based strategic needs assessments. Schools interventions within the PSHE agenda are also being looked at to see if ‘industrialisation’ can replace patchwork coverage with a countywide offer.

6. Recommendation

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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