



To: Business Coordination Board

From: Chief Constable

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Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme (ARIS) / Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) Funds - Update

1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide the Business Coordination Board (“the Board”) with an update on the projects that have been undertaken/agreed.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Board is recommended to note the content of this report.

3.0 Background

3.1 Funds come into Force from the Asset Incentivisation Scheme (ARIS) via the Home Office, along with Proceeds of Crime and drug forfeiture funds.

3.2 The Home Office indicate that the use of ARIS money is a matter for each agency. Due to the unpredictable nature of ARIS income, ministers were reluctant to lay down specific guidance on its use. Ministers expressed a wish to see ARIS money reinvested in asset recovery work to drive up performance and where appropriate, to fund local crime fighting priorities for the benefit of the community.

3.3 The Force agreed ARIS / Seized funds could be used for:

- Visibility / days of action
- Community projects

- Victim based projects
- Targeted improving confidence initiatives

Bidding is via the Tasking process.

4.0 Current Position

4.1 The POCA and ARIS fuds currently sit in a combined pot.

4.2 £297,000 was carried forward from 18/19. With income received during the current year and expenditure to date, there is currently a balance of £316,171 in the fund.

4.3 Details of the projects agreed/committed during 2019/20:

- Op Hunter – Crime reduction initiatives (North and South)
- Community Gardens to be built at Longsands Academy, Littleport & East Cambs Academy, The Cam Academy Trust, Trumpington Gardens.
- Op Penelope
- Youth Consultation Panel
- Cadet Administrator
- Transforming lives
- P/B Boxing Club
- Bike Registration Portal Scheme

5.0 Funds received as a result of Drugs Forfeiture will be moved into the Reserve account at the end of the financial year but are still available for bids for drug related operations. All bids into this fund must be through the OPCC.

The POCA/ARIS money is held in the operational fund.

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