

Appendix A

Public Protection Partnership Community Fund - Supporting Information

1. Introduction/Background

1.1. The fund was established by virtue of the Committee decision to implement the Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme (ARIS) on March 14th 2017.

1.2. The Committee expressed a wish to determine all grant applications as part of their routine agenda.

1.3. The size of the fund has been capped at 20% of the total POCA reserve held (Proceeds of Crime Act).

1.4. The relevant extract from the ARIS reports are cited below:

'Key elements that should be featured in the application:

- *Intended group or area intended to benefit from the grant*
- *Details of any existing overheads intended to be covered by the grant*
- *Charity details if applicable*
- *The year the organisation/group was founded*
- *Does the organisation/group have any links/affiliated to a recognised sporting or children's group?*
- *Are the applicants applying for funding elsewhere?*
- *Detailed explanation of what the grant would be for?*
- *How will the grant improve crime prevention for the local community?*
- *Details of an independent reference for the applicant.*

Full grant selection criteria will be on the Partnerships website to ensure the aims and objectives of the Public Protection Community Fund are clearly stated and well understood to avoid inappropriate bids. Decisions on the allocation of the reserve will be made by a panel of 3 members of the Committee, 1 member from each partner authority.

The allocation will be based purely on the merits of the application received and in the spirit of the partnership arrangements there will be no geographical/authority boundary considerations i.e. there will be no direct link between the source of the reserve and the area within which it is allocated.'

2. Supporting Information

2.1. The application process has been based on previously successful grant programmes and is designed to capture important information for the Committee to determine which projects to support.

3. Options for Consideration

- 3.1. Agree the proposed application process.
- 3.2. Amend the parameters of the application process and then agree them.
- 3.3. Refuse the proposed application process.

4. Proposals

- 4.1. To agree the application process as detailed.
- 4.2. To set a maximum grant level at £4,000.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1. Based on the request from Committee to deal with all grant applications it is clear that this is seen as an important element of their role. Particularly the strong message that the Public Protection Partnership is a champion of community safety and crime prevention.
- 5.2. The application process must be robust and whilst that does require a detailed submission from all applicants, which may dissuade some community organisations from coming forward, it is an important risk control. It would significantly impact the credibility of the PPP should any financial irregularities be uncovered/discovered in organisations which were successful.

6. Consultation and Engagement

- 6.1. The nature of the report does not merit external consultation at this stage however it may be beneficial to engage with local organisations who have links to crime prevention to discuss the merits of the Public Protection Community Fund. The extent of this will be dependent on resources available throughout the term of the agreement.

Background Papers:

None.

Papers containing facts or material you have relied on to prepare your report. The public can access these background papers.

PPP Strategic Aims and Priorities Supported:

The proposals will help achieve the following Public Protection Partnership aims as stated in the Inter Authority Agreement:

- 1 – Community Protection
 - 2 – Protecting and Improving Health
 - 3 – Protection of the Environment
 - 4 – Supporting Prosperity and Economic Growth
 - 5 – Effective and Improving Service Delivery
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Equality Impact Assessment – Stage One

We need to ensure that our strategies, policies, functions and services, current and proposed have given due regard to equality and diversity as set out in the Public Sector Equality Duty (Section 149 of the Equality Act), which states:

“(1) A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

(a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;

(b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; This includes the need to:

(i) remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;

(ii) take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;

(c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it, with due regard, in particular, to the need to be aware that compliance with the duties in this section may involve treating some persons more favourably than others.

(2) The steps involved in meeting the needs of disabled persons that are different from the needs of persons who are not disabled include, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities.

(3) Compliance with the duties in this section may involve treating some persons more favourably than others.”

The following list of questions may help to establish whether the decision is relevant to equality:

- Does the decision affect service users, employees or the wider community?
- (The relevance of a decision to equality depends not just on the number of those affected but on the significance of the impact on them)
- Is it likely to affect people with particular protected characteristics differently?
- Is it a major policy, or a major change to an existing policy, significantly affecting how functions are delivered?
- Will the decision have a significant impact on how other organisations operate in terms of equality?
- Does the decision relate to functions that engagement has identified as being important to people with particular protected characteristics?
- Does the decision relate to an area with known inequalities?
- Does the decision relate to any equality objectives that have been set by the council?

Please complete the following questions to determine whether a full Stage Two, Equality Impact Assessment is required.

What is the proposed decision that you are asking the Committee to make:	To agree a policy on the community fund application process.
Summary of relevant legislation:	N/A
Does the proposed decision conflict with any of the partnerships key objectives?	No
Name of assessor:	Paul Anstey
Date of assessment:	16/5/17

Is this a:		Is this:	
Policy	Yes	New or proposed	Yes
Strategy	No	Already exists and is being reviewed	No
Function	No	Is changing	No
Service	No		

1. What are the main aims, objectives and intended outcomes of the proposed decision and who is likely to benefit from it?	
Aims:	To identify how the PPP will process grant applications.
Objectives:	Open and transparent priorities around grants.
Outcomes:	Enable to PPP to reduce crime and benefit the community.
Benefits:	Deliver additional projects and enhance community capacity for crime prevention activity.

2. Note which groups may be affected by the proposed decision. Consider how they may be affected, whether it is positively or negatively and what sources of information have been used to determine this.		
(Please demonstrate consideration of all strands – Age, Disability, Gender Reassignment, Marriage and Civil Partnership, Pregnancy and Maternity, Race, Religion or Belief, Sex and Sexual Orientation.)		
Group Affected	What might be the effect?	Information to support this
Age	None	
Disability	None	
Gender Reassignment	None	
Marriage and Civil Partnership	none	
Pregnancy and Maternity	None	
Race	None	
Religion or Belief	None	
Sex	None	
Sexual Orientation	None	
Further Comments relating to the item:		

3. Result	
Are there any aspects of the proposed decision, including how it is delivered or accessed, that could contribute to inequality?	No
Please provide an explanation for your answer: Any assessment of how to spend monies recovered would be based around crime prevention.	
Will the proposed decision have an adverse impact upon the lives of people, including employees and service users?	No
Please provide an explanation for your answer: Use of ARIS is designed to make a positive contribution to local communities.	

If your answers to question 2 have identified potential adverse impacts and you have answered ‘yes’ to either of the sections at question 3, or you are unsure about the impact, then you should carry out a Stage Two Equality Impact Assessment.

If a Stage Two Equality Impact Assessment is required, before proceeding you should discuss the scope of the Assessment with service managers in your area. You will also need to refer to the [Equality Impact Assessment guidance and Stage Two template](#).

4. Identify next steps as appropriate:	
Stage Two required	No
Owner of Stage Two assessment:	
Timescale for Stage Two assessment:	

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