

## **LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD**

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### **LSCSB UPDATE: OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

#### **Background**

1. The Executive team supporting the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire is known as the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). This team has been put together specifically to enable the PCC to successfully carry out his duties. The OPCC is led by a Chief Executive, whose responsibility is to manage the staff team and provide a monitoring role to ensure that standards remain high. The team also includes a Chief Finance Officer to advise the PCC on financial matters and the impact of any decisions regarding the budget, spending and commissioning. Other specialist staff provide support on key areas of business and manage the administrative functions of the OPCC.

#### **Notable developments and challenges:**

##### **Past Year**

2. The OPCC have applied for Safer Streets 5 on behalf of two areas which is Oadby and Wigston and Melton Mowbray. The amount we are attempting to secure is approximately £300k each, for a total of £600k approximately. The bid for Oadby and Wigston focuses on Neighbourhood Crime while the bid for Melton Mowbray focuses on Anti-social Behaviour. If successful a number of crime prevention measures will be rolled out ranging from CCTV cameras to infrastructure upgrades, video CCTV for residents to interventions for youngsters causing ASB. Rollout would occur until March 2025 and will likely be an on-going theme for these two CSPs as we work with them for delivery if we are successful. We should know in September some point if we are successful. The Violence Reduction Network (VRN) have also submitted a bid of approx. £300k that will look to tackle violence against women and girls (VAWG).
3. We held another Community Safety Partnership Conference in August to bring members of the partnership together. This was an opportunity to network, update partners on work we had been doing via commissioning, the VRN and the importance of evaluation with the new CSP framework. We've sent a survey out for feedback asking partners to complete this, it takes 30 seconds so please do update this when you get a moment.

4. We have over 50 projects that we have been able to track to date that are funded by the CSP funding the OPCC gives to CSPs. Approximately half the budget has been spent to date by partners.
5. We are running Bid Workshops via our commissioning team to help grassroots and smaller organisations be more successful in securing funding. If you are aware of any small organisations that could benefit, we encourage reaching out to our commissioning team on the details. We teach people about the process for each application, how to complete applications and how they are scored to help people maximise the chances of success. Round 2 of the Commissioners Safety Fund is currently open until early October and a pot of up to £10k is available to apply for. Full details on our website under the commissioning section.
6. The OPCC's People Zones project has progressed and we've completed the research stage and are at the action stage. We have had 3 grant rounds for this already with 1 final one remaining and due in November 2023. Projects that have been granted funding are already in motion and being rolled out. The funding level across projects is approx. £100k to date.
7. We have created a 360 Virtual Reality (VR) film aimed at 9-11-year-old primary school children across LLR to educate them on safer online practices. The aim is to reduce harmful behaviours such as cyber bullying and violence. We are creating a supporting curriculum that will be delivered by teachers as part of this early intervention programme. A challenge we are currently facing is finding the best delivery partner to help roll this project out.
8. PCC elections are due in May 2024 and this could potentially cause changes in how we work with partners as well as general strategic direction dependent on the outcome.
9. We've had a new CEO start that is replacing the interim CEO Andrew Champness. The OPCCs new CEO is Claire Trewartha.

### **Coming Year**

10. Activity over the coming year will be as follows:
  - To increase grassroots applications for the Commissioners Safety Fund, particularly from the county areas as we do not tend to get many from areas such as Rutland.
  - To support partners, roll out the Serious Violence 'SV' duty through our newly recruited SV team.

- We are looking to potentially develop new People Zones. This would be led by data surrounding public health, crime statistics and local assets.
- Safer Street 5 (if successful) will be rolled out over 18 months.

### **Key issues for partnership working or affecting partners**

11. Community engagement for projects such as People Zone is an area of development and challenge. This is being addressed through the grant rounds and on-going community presence.

### **Recommendations for the Board**

12. This report is for the board to note.

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