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Purpose of Report

1. This paper to the Police and Crime Panel is intended to provide an update on commissioning activity within the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for 2013/14 onwards.

Recommendation

2. The Police and Crime Panel is asked to note the contents of this report.

Background

3. The Police and Crime Plan was revised and published in October 2013. The Plan outlines four key themes which provide a clear direction for allocating the available budget to maximum effect.
4. The Commissioning Framework (Appendix A) was refreshed in December 2013 in response to the Plan. It sets out how the PCC intends to align the commissioning budget with those key themes and strategic priorities. A Commissioning Plan has been developed for each theme consisting of a number of commissioning intentions.
5. This report provides an update on progress of some of the key elements of the Framework.

Adult Mentoring

6. The OPCC has awarded a contract to Leicestershire and Rutland Probation Trust for the delivery of adult mentoring. The main target group are those adults subject to local Integrated Offender Management (IOM) and in particular adults who are serving/have recently served custodial sentences of less than 12 months and are therefore released without statutory supervision from the local Probation Trust. This will be the delivery mechanism for Commissioning Intention (CI) 004 'Supporting the resettlement of adult offenders post-release from a prison sentence of less than 12 months through mentoring'.

Partnership Locality Fund

7. The Partnership Locality Fund (PLF) for 2014/15 was allocated to Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs). The CSPs submitted business cases for the following commissioning intentions:
 - CI010 - Initiatives that pro-actively reduce anti-social behaviour and/or improve the recording of incidents.
 - CI011 - Interventions which increase the reporting of:
 - Domestic abuse
 - Serious sexual assault
 - Hate crime
 - CI013a – Initiatives that support victims of domestic abuse to cope and recover. (2014/15 only)
 - CI016 - Initiatives which reduce the risk and likelihood that the following crimes will occur:
 - Domestic burglary
 - Violence against the person with injury
 - Vehicle crime
8. Funding was awarded as outlined in Appendix B and will be monitored through performance frameworks which form part of the funding agreements.

PCC Grant

9. The budget for the PCC Grant in 2014/15 was £400,000. The scheme was open to all organisations and a maximum of £50,000 per application was available. Bids were accepted for the same commissioning intentions as those outlined at paragraph 6 above and 70 applications were received to a value of £1.9m.
10. As part of the long-listing process, it was noted that PCC Grant applications could potentially duplicate some of the young persons' mentoring co-commissioning arrangements with Leicester City, Leicestershire County and Rutland County Councils. As a result, £50,000 of the PCC Grant was reallocated to young person's mentoring. The co-commissioning budget was reduced and a new pooled budget of £450,000 over 3 years for young persons' mentoring established. The OPCC is currently procuring this service across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.
11. The PCC Grant applications were long-listed by the OPCC, prior to being scored and shortlisted by specialists in the relevant themed areas. 26 applications were considered by a multi-agency Grant Review Panel and recommendations made to the PCC. There were no successful applications in relation to hate crime and therefore £30k has been set aside to support hate crime initiatives.
12. PCC Grant funding was awarded as outlined in Appendix C and is being monitored through performance frameworks which form part of the funding agreements.

Innovation Fund

13. The PCC had an Innovation Fund of £50,000 for 2013/14. The aim of the Fund was to promote and encourage individuals and organisations to present innovative projects and new ideas to support the achievement of the strategic priorities outlined in the Police and Crime Plan.
14. Innovation Funding was awarded as outlined in Appendix D and is available to be spent within one year.

Interns

15. The PCC has recruited two internships from Leicester University to undertake bespoke research. This will include the Missing Persons and Child Sexual Exploitation strategic priorities in the Police and Crime Plan. This research will include personal visits to the Missing from Home and Child Sexual Exploitation teams and engaging with staff. The results of their research will be used to provide a focus for the related commissioning intentions.

Next Steps

16. The Commissioning Framework will be refreshed for 2015/16 particularly in light of the PCC's new responsibility for the commissioning of victim and witness support services from April 2015. Consultation on the proposed new Commissioning Framework will take place during summer 2014 so that any funding application decisions can be made by the end of December 2014.

Implications

Financial	The total commissioning budget for 2014/15 is £3.8m. Details are provided in the Commissioning Framework.
Legal	Contracts/ funding agreements are in place for each allocation.
Equality Impact Assessment	An Equality Impact Assessment and action plan were completed for the Commissioning Framework. The completion of an Equality Impact Assessment is a requirement of each funding agreement/ contract.
Risks and Impact	The completion of a risk assessment is a requirement for each funding agreement/ contract.
Link to Police and Crime Plan :	The Commissioning Framework sets out how the PCC intends to align the commissioning budget with the key themes and strategic priorities in the Police and Crime Plan.

List of Appendices

- Appendix A Commissioning Framework
- Appendix B Partnership Locality Fund 2014 - 17
- Appendix C PCC Grant 2014 – 17
- Appendix D PCC Innovation Fund 2013/14

Background Papers

Police & Crime Plan 2013 - 2017

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