

POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE & CRIME PANEL

Report of	POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER
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Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to present the new Commissioning Framework for 2015/17 and to update the panel on the grants allocated as part of the 2014/15 process.

Recommendation

2. The Panel is recommended to note the contents of the report.

Background

3. The current Commissioning Framework was published in October 2013 in response to and in support of the refresh of the Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017. Since that time, a number of changes have taken place and lessons have been learnt about how to work with partners to maximise the use of the available resources.
4. Partners have also made suggestions in relation to funding timelines with many stating that it would be beneficial for them to know what funding they will receive for the forthcoming financial year by the end of December, to assist in their planning and to enable staffing implications to be addressed. Work to deliver the actions within the Equality Impact Assessment for the Commissioning Framework has also been completed.
5. As a result, a draft Commissioning Framework for 2015-2017 was produced and issued for consultation between 1st July and 15th August 2014. Twenty nine consultation responses were received, many of which included a number of suggestions and/or comments. These were considered and where appropriate amendments made to the Commissioning Framework. The consultation comments, together with responses, are outlined in Appendix A.

Key Changes

6. The final version of the Commissioning Framework 2015/17 is attached in Appendix B. The key changes are:

Change 1

The Commissioning Framework has been simplified into one document. The majority of commissioning intentions are now being delivered through three year contracts and agreements and therefore the detailed commissioning plans for each theme have not been refreshed.

Change 2

In recognition of the valuable contribution made by Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to the delivery of the Police & Crime Plan, the Partnership Locality Fund (PLF) available has been increased from £330,000 to £450,000.

Change 3

The Partnership Locality Fund will no longer require the submission of a business case for specific initiatives. This has been replaced by a financial contribution towards the delivery of each Community Safety Partnership Delivery Plan. CSPs will be required to provide a copy of their Plan, together with a budget breakdown and performance framework including quarterly updates from CSPs.

Change 4

The PCC Grant will only be available to community voluntary and social enterprise sector organisations to support the achievement of specific commissioning intentions and related outcomes in identified hotspot locations.

Change 5

In 2014/15, PCC Grants of up to £50k were made available for individual applications. For 2015/16 onwards, applications for up to £25k per annum or up to £50,000 match funding per annum will be considered.

Change 6

The funding available for the troubled/supported families programmes has been increased from £125,000 to £175,000 in recognition of the wide range of strategic priorities that the programmes cover.

Change 7

Further work has been completed in relation to victim support services and relevant commissioning intentions have been developed.

Change 8

It is recognised that a number of initiatives could contribute to preventing child abuse/ child sexual exploitation and reducing the number of missing person reports. The 2014/15 pilot seeks to develop intelligence in relation to children and young people in care homes as this has been identified as an area in which significant outcomes could be achieved. The results will be used to determine future commissioning requirements in line with the budget available. Commissioning intentions have been revised to reflect this flexibility.

2014/15 Allocations

7. This report provides an update on the PCC Grant and PLF allocations for 2014/15 and follows detailed consideration of the allocations and processes at the Strategic Partnership Board meeting on the 25 March 2014 which contributed to the thinking for the 2015-2017 Commissioning Framework.
8. The Panel are assured that allocations made in line with the Commissioning Framework have clear funding agreements, performance frameworks and monitoring mechanisms in place.

Partnership Locality Fund

9. 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
10. Funding was awarded as outlined in Appendix C and is being monitored through performance frameworks which form part of the funding agreements.

PCC Grant

11. 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 seventy applications were received to a value of £1.9m.
12. 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.

13. The PCC Grant applications were long-listed by members of the OPCC, prior to being scored and shortlisted by specialists in the relevant themed areas. Twenty-six 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.
14. PCC Grant funding was awarded as outlined in Appendix D and is being monitored through performance frameworks which form part of the funding agreements.

Implications

Financial:	The total commissioning budget for 2015/16 is £4.2m. Details are provided in the Commissioning Framework.
Legal:	None
Equality/Diversity Issues:	The actions within the Equality Impact Assessment for the Commissioning Framework have been completed and/or implemented.
Risks and Impact:	None
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.

Background Papers

None

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