

## Cabinet (Resources) Panel

20 March 2018

<b>Report title</b>	Police and Crime Commissioner Grant Allocation 2018-2019	
<b>Decision designation</b>	AMBER	
<b>Cabinet member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Paul Sweet Public Health and Wellbeing	
<b>Corporate Plan priority</b>	People - Stronger Communities	
<b>Key decision</b>	Yes	
<b>In forward plan</b>	Yes	
<b>Wards affected</b>	(All Wards);	
<b>Accountable Director</b>	John Denley, Director of Public Health	
<b>Originating service</b>	Community Safety	
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<b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>	People Leadership Team Strategic Executive Board	12 February 2018 6 March 2018

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### Recommendation for decision:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to:

1. Approve the delegation of the Police Grant Community Fund 2018-2019 allocation from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to Safer Wolverhampton Partnership (SWP) for the purposes of delivering against the city's Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2017-2020.

## 1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To seek approval to delegate the Police Grant Community Fund allocation 2018-2019 from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to Safer Wolverhampton Partnership (SWP) in line with grant conditions, to aid delivery of agreed city-wide crime and community safety objectives. Allocation of the grant for 2018-2019 has been based on PCC approval of a fully costed programme of delivery, the details of which are outlined in this report.

## 2.0 Background

- 2.1 The PCC makes an annual allocation of grant to the seven Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) within the West Midlands metropolitan area to support delivery of their strategic plans. Wolverhampton's Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2017-2020 is delivering against the following strategic priorities:

Strategic Priority	Outcomes
Reducing Reoffending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Reduced adult and youth re-offending</li><li>➤ Improved use of tools and powers to effectively manage offenders</li><li>➤ Development of a risk-based, stepped model for high volume offenders</li><li>➤ Improved use of pathways to change offender attitudes and behaviours</li><li>➤ Earlier identification of young people in need of support</li></ul>
Violence Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Improved understanding of risk to prevent offending and harm</li><li>➤ Improved use of tools and powers</li><li>➤ Increased confidence in reporting</li><li>➤ Reduced prevalence of violent crime</li><li>➤ More effective management of threat and risk</li></ul>
Reducing Victimisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Increased reporting of under-reported crime</li><li>➤ Reduced victimisation by adopting a whole family approach</li><li>➤ Improved prevention interventions</li><li>➤ Earlier identification of individuals at risk</li><li>➤ Strengthened community response</li></ul>

- 2.2 There is an expectation that the costed programme for 2018-2019 should also be aligned to PCC priorities detailed in the West Midlands Strategic Police and Crime Plan. The key features of the draft plan as they currently stand are summarised below:

- **Protecting from harm**  
Working with partners to reduce harm through intervening and protecting
- **Supporting victims of crime** - Supporting victims so they can cope and recover from the impact of crime

- **Building trust and confidence in our police** - How West Midlands Police will ensure that the public has faith in the work it does on their behalf
- **Strengthening communities and growing the economy** - Supporting communities through local policing, encouraging people to become more active citizens and the key role that policing has to play in the economy
- **Building a modern police service** - How West Midlands Police will respond to the financial challenges we face and the plans in place to make sure we have a modern and effective workforce
- **Standing up for young people** - Giving young people the opportunities they need to contribute to society
- **Tackling national and international threats** - Working with partners to deliver the Strategic Policing Requirement, including an increased response to the threat of cyber crime

2.3 There is sufficient alignment within the costed programme to fit within the PCC's strategic plan.

### 3.0 Funding Availability

3.1 All seven West Midlands Local authority areas have experienced recurrent reductions in funding from the PCC's office since 2016-2017; consequently, delivery in Wolverhampton has focussed primarily on shaping mainstream service delivery and aligning with other available funding streams.

3.2 The PCC is now well underway with development of a West Midlands CSP, initially proposed in November 2016, which would oversee all future commissioning decisions regarding the use of the grant currently devolved to local areas. The aim of the proposals was identification of efficiencies and improved practice by taking a force-wide view across in tackling a number of strategic priorities within the West Midlands Police Force area.

3.3 Recognising the need to continue with some essential service delivery including meeting the statutory functions of local CSPs, and the lead in timescales for strengthening the PCC's central commissioning function, CSPs have identified all essential ongoing delivery from 2018 for continuation. These have been consideration by the PCC and the following allocations have been made to support delivery in 2018-2019:

Local Authority	PCC Allocated Grant	PCC Allocated Grant
	2017-2018 £000	2018-2019 £000
Birmingham	1,844	1,066
Coventry	380	147
Dudley	268	245
Sandwell	368	195
Solihull	191	167
Walsall	272	250
Wolverhampton	340	229
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,663</b>	<b>2,299</b>

- 3.4 In addition, further key functions will continue to be funded by the PCC's office, but funded centrally. For Wolverhampton, this includes the following continued provision for prevention work within Youth Offending (£66,000) and the costs of undertaking domestic homicide reviews (£10,000). The overall resource allocation for Wolverhampton for 2018-2019 therefore totals £305,000, which is a reduction of £34,000 against the allocation received for 2017-2018.
- 3.5 In addition, the PCC has decision making responsibility across other linked budgets of approximately £7.0 million. The PCC has indicated his intention for the closer alignment of these budgets, totalling £11.0 million, to be within scope of the West Midlands CSP.

#### **4.0 Proposed 2018-2019 Delivery Against Strategic Priorities**

- 4.1 The current year's costed plan (2017-2018) has been delivered in line with spend proposals for the year, however, a small underspend is currently forecast totalling £15,000 arising from savings relating to domestic homicide reviews; an approach has been made to the PCC for permission to carry this forecasted underspend forward to support delivery into 2018-2019.
- 4.2 The costed plan for 2018-2019, detailed at **Appendix 1** is attached and follows the refreshed SWP strategic priorities of:
- Reducing Reoffending
  - Violence Prevention, and
  - Reducing Victimisation
- 4.3 Delivery against these strategic priorities are reviewed annually, informed by the annual strategic assessment. Using this approach, the strategy remains relevant to new and emerging local issues and introduces a degree of flexibility over the life of the strategy to respond. The delivery priorities for 2018-2019 are outlined below:

#### **4.4 Reducing Reoffending**

- Implement a Black Country wide Reducing Reoffending strategy in partnership with key stakeholders
- Tackle substance misuse and drug dealing amongst individuals, with a particular focus on New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) in order to reduce substance-related offending
- Identify young people at risk of offending to support them at an early stage, and provide interventions to address their attitudes and behaviours whilst considering a 'whole family' approach
- Reduce volume crime with particular focus on vehicle crime, burglary and shoplifting
- Improve city image and business confidence by tackling aggressive begging and rough sleeping

#### **4.5 Violence Prevention**

- Develop interventions to deter young people from committing violent acts

- Provide early interventions to deter young people from carrying bladed weapons
- Provide critical call out mediation services to reduce tensions and escalation of violence
- Deliver a behaviour change programme to reduce the harm from domestic abuse perpetrators
- Apply available legislative tools and powers to increase the effective management of offenders

#### **4.6 Reducing Victimisation**

- Engage with identified communities to break the cycle of cultural acceptance of domestic related abuse and vulnerability
- Build confidence within communities subjected to hate crime to increase reporting and strengthen cohesion
- Work with partners to strengthen and integrate the collective response to domestic abuse
- Increase understanding of modern slavery and build confidence of victims to report issues and access support
- Targeted engagement with businesses to reduce the risk of business victimisation, particularly in relation to shoplifting

#### **5.0 Evaluation of alternative options**

- 5.1 The PCC grant is allocated specifically for use by the SWP to contribute to the City's Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2017-2020 through delivery of activity set out in the costed plan attached at Appendix 1.

#### **6.0 Reasons for decision**

- 6.1 As CWC is the Responsible Authority for SWP's budget, formal delegation from Cabinet (Resources) Panel must be secured to enable the grant to be spent as intended.

#### **7.0 Financial implications**

- 7.1 Implementation of the Community Safety Strategy will be largely delivered through existing mainstream partner resources. Wolverhampton's grant allocation of £229,000 in 2018-2019 will be used to support the programme proposed in **Appendix 1**, the full cost of which would be met from within the grant resources available. Subject to agreement from the PCC, the anticipated carry forward of £15,000 will be added to the 2018-2019 programme.
- 7.2 The PCC allocation, when received, is ringfenced for Community Safety use by SWP in line with conditions of grant. The grant is received by the City of Wolverhampton Council as accountable body for SWP.
- [MI/20022017/O]

## **8.0 Legal implications**

- 8.1 Sections five and six of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 require the Council and other responsible authorities to formulate and implement strategies to reduce crime and disorder in the area. Subsequent revisions to the Act (Police and Justice Act 2006) places a duty on Community Safety Partnerships to prepare strategic assessments with the purpose of informing the partnership plan revisions.  
[RB/08022018/V]

## **9.0 Equalities implications**

- 9.1 The programme of delivery for 2018-2019 is based on an assessment of need and contributes towards implementation of the strategic priorities in the Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2017-2020. This will result in crime reduction measures being implemented within some of the City's most deprived neighbourhoods and providing support to some of the City's most vulnerable residents through targeted interventions. The programme of delivery detailed will directly support implementation of the strategy, actively addressing inequalities of individuals and communities which are disproportionately impacted by certain crimes on the basis of gender, age, ethnicity, religion, sexuality and disability. A full equality analysis has been undertaken on the strategy; there are no negative implications from its delivery.

## **10.0 Environmental implications**

- 10.1 Delivery of the programme detailed in this report will impact positively across all areas of the City through the implementation of crime reduction initiatives; particularly those neighbourhoods adversely affected by crime and anti-social behaviour.

## **11.0 Human resources implications**

- 11.1 The City of Wolverhampton Council is the employer for three posts which are funded using contributions from the PCC grant which are detailed within the attached costed plan; one post within the Community Safety Team and two posts within the Youth Offending Team. The proposals within this report will provide funding for continuation of these fixed term posts to 31 March 2019.

## **12.0 Corporate landlord implications**

- 12.1 There are no corporate landlord implications.

## **13.0 Schedule of background papers**

- 13.1 There are no background papers

## **14.0 Appendices**

- 14.1 Appendix 1: Safer Wolverhampton Partnership Costed Plan 2018-2019