

**Cabinet (Resources) Panel**  
31 March 2019

<b>Report title</b>	Police and Crime Commissioner Grant Allocation 2020-2021	
<b>Decision designation</b>	AMBER	
<b>Cabinet member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Jasbir Jaspal Public Health and Wellbeing	
<b>Key decision</b>	Yes	
<b>In forward plan</b>	Yes	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards	
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<b>Originating service</b>	Community Safety	
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<b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>	Public Health Leadership Team	17 March 2020

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**Recommendation for decision:**

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to:

1. Approve delegation of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Community Safety Partnership fund allocation 2020-2021 received from the PCC to Safer Wolverhampton Partnership (SWP) for the purposes of delivering against the City's Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2020-2023.

## 1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To seek delegation of the Police Community Safety Partnership Fund allocation 2020-2021 from the PCC to SWP in line with grant conditions, to aid delivery of agreed city-wide crime and community safety objectives.

## 2.0 Background

- 2.1 The PCC makes an annual allocation of grant to the seven Community Safety Partnerships within the West Midlands Metropolitan area to support delivery of their strategic plans. Direct funding from the PCC has been reducing year on year due to both budget reductions and an increase in centralised regional commissioning by the PCC. Funding for the financial year 2020-2021 will see further reductions in the local allocation as the PCC will fund more services on a West Midlands Metropolitan area basis.
- 2.2 The City's Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2020-2023 is due to commence April 2020.
- 2.3 The following strategic priorities feature within the current strategy:

Strategic Priority	Outcomes
Reducing Offending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Reduced adult and youth offending</li> <li>➤ High volume and high-risk offenders managed effectively</li> <li>➤ Improved use of pathways to change offender attitudes and behaviours</li> <li>➤ Earlier identification for those in need of support</li> <li>➤ Work effectively with the partnership to implement interventions to change behaviours, deter criminality and prevent reoffending. Enforcement will only be utilised when appropriate</li> </ul>
Preventing Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Promote a shared understanding that any form of violence is unacceptable</li> <li>➤ Work effectively with partners to support offenders and utilise appropriate enforcement when necessary</li> <li>➤ Reduced prevalence of violence crime across all ages</li> <li>➤ Ensure Wolverhampton is a safe place to live, work and visit</li> <li>➤ Influence and input into delivery provided by the West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit to ensure it meets local need</li> </ul>
Harm Reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Increase reporting of crime, particularly hidden crimes</li> <li>➤ Earlier identification of those at risk</li> <li>➤ Recognition that reducing harm is everyone's business</li> <li>➤ Empower Residents to build a community response</li> </ul>
Building Community Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ People are encouraged to be more actively involved in their local area and take pride in it</li> <li>➤ Build on trust and confidence to increase reporting of crime</li> <li>➤ Residents take responsibility for their communities and support each other</li> <li>➤ Strengthen community cohesion</li> </ul>

2.4 There is an expectation that local delivery should also be aligned to PCC priorities as detailed in the West Midlands Strategic Police and Crime Plan. The key features of the 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

### 3.0 Funding Availability

3.1 The PCC has taken the decision that where local delivery supports priorities within the Police and Crime Plan, there is scope to draw on other funding streams within the PCC's control to fund these local services centrally. The establishment of a West Midlands Community Safety Partnership (CSP) in 2017 has allowed greater oversight of spend across the seven metropolitan areas from the PCC grant, to identify efficiencies in how some of these services are commissioned.

3.2 Whilst historically, there has been no agreed funding formula for local grant allocation, the PCC has used the formula of total recorded crime per population for the 2020-2021 formula. SWP Board have agreed that the funding will be spent as detailed below.

### 3.3 Costed Plan

Local Delivery 2020-2021
<b>Harm Reduction</b> Tackling Interpersonal Violence, including Violence against Women and Girls

Domestic Violence Specialist - Fixed term post to cover the legal duties in relation to domestic violence and Domestic Homicide Reviews. Ensure a robust and collective City response to domestic abuse in all forms.	£40,000
<b>Harm Reduction</b>	
Safer Homes Scheme – ensuring victims of crime remain securely in their own homes after becoming a victim of Domestic Abuse or distraction burglary	
Contribution towards Safer Homes Scheme	£10,000
<b>Preventing Violence</b>	
Reducing and Preventing Youth Violence and Exploitation	
Targeted outreach support to complement the #YES strategy delivery	£40,000
Specialist targeted interventions in specific locations in Wolverhampton	£40,000
<b>Building Community Capacity</b>	
Funding to facilitate: Community meetings/engagement, co-production and empowerment of residents Awareness raising of hidden crimes – including Modern Slavery, Honour Based Violence, Female Genital Mutilation, Hate Crime, Forced Marriage Upskilling communities and Voluntary Sector Partners Training for Colleagues and partners – Workshops to Raise Awareness of PREVENT agenda	£20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£150,000</b>

<b>Regionally funded delivery in Wolverhampton 2020-2021</b>
Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) provision (Four posts)
Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) administration
Domestic Homicide Review funding
Youth Offending – Continuation of the Deter Programme and Youth Inclusion Support Programme (YISP) Programme Worker
Violence Reduction Unit programmes including; Teachable Moment Youth Service at New Cross Hospital Resettlement Programme Outreach Programmes Children and Young People in Care and Care leavers Programme Diversionary Sports Programmes

- 3.4 The PCC budget allocation of £150,000 has been determined by considering what services are required to keep Wolverhampton safe and continue to reduce harm across the city. All services provided on a force-wide basis are to improve efficiency and provision across the region.

## 4.0 Police and Crime Commissioner Allocations

4.1 The table below shows the direct allocation given to each local authority area for 2020-2021. These amounts do not include any services provided on a regional basis.

Area	Community safety Partnership Allocation £'000	Community safety Partnership Allocation %
Birmingham	660	44
Coventry	165	11
Dudley	135	9
Sandwell	165	11
Solihull	90	6
Walsall	135	9
Wolverhampton	150	10

4.2 Increasingly and during the current financial year, delivery has focussed mainly on shaping mainstream resources and utilising available funding streams to increase provision where possible. It is anticipated that during 2020-2021, this focus should continue, and that relationships continue to be strengthened between other City-wide forums; identifying opportunities for joint commissioning across partners operating within the city and across all the CSPs covering the six other areas which make up the West Midlands Metropolitan area.

4.3 The PCC allocation, when received, is ringfenced for Community Safety use by SWP in line with conditions of grant. The grant is received by City of Wolverhampton Council as accountable body for SWP, requiring delegation of the resource to be agreed by Cabinet Resources Panel.

## 5.0 Evaluation of alternative options

5.1 Option one would be to make no changes to the current policy and for Cabinet (Resources) Panel to approve delegation of the Police and Crime Commissioner Funding to deliver the strategic aims of the Community Safety Partnership and ring fence the expenditure to the costed plan as shown in section 3.3 of the paper. This will allow the partnership to deliver against the statutory responsibilities of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Modern Slavery Act 2015, Counter Terrorism Act 2015 and Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004.

5.2 Option two would be to refuse delegation of income from the Police and Crime Commissioner, however this is not recommended as the Community Safety Partnership would not be able to deliver against the statutory responsibilities and could not provide account for expenditure to the Police and Crime Commissioner in line with the agreed expenditure shown in section 3.3 of the paper.

## **6.0 Reasons for decision(s)**

- 6.1 Granting delegated authority and ring fencing the grant allocation to the Community Safety Partnership will allow the Council and the CSP to deliver against statutory and strategic responsibilities and continue to run a strong and resilient CSP Board in Wolverhampton.

## **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 £150,000 in 2020-2021 will be used to support the programme detailed in section 3.3; the full cost of which would be met from within the grant resources available.
- 7.2 There is very little anticipated carry forward from the PCC budget, with just £7,000, which was due to a vacancy in the Prevent and Cohesion Officer post.
- A formal request will be made to the PCC to carry forward the amount of £7,000 to spend in 2020-2021.
- 7.3 The PCC allocation, when received, is ringfenced for Community Safety use by SWP in line with conditions of grant. The grant is received by Wolverhampton City Council as accountable body for SWP, requiring delegation of the resource to be agreed by Cabinet Resources Panel.
- 7.4 There may be opportunities throughout the financial year to apply for additional funding from the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU). Additionally, the VRU may also commission regional programmes which have a foot print in Wolverhampton; providing additional resource and activity in the City.  
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## **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.
- 8.2 Section nine of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 places a statutory responsibility on Community Safety Partnerships to complete a Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) when a person has died from a domestic related death.  
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## **9.0 Equalities implications**

- 9.1 The programme of delivery for 2020-2021 is based on an assessment of need and contributes towards implementation of the strategic priorities in the Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2020-2023. This will result in crime reduction measures and a place-based approach 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 Climate Change and 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 including environmental crime, community empowerment and early intervention initiatives; particularly those neighbourhoods adversely affected by crime, anti-social behaviour or harm.

## **11.0 Health and Wellbeing Implications**

11.1 Delivery of the services outlined in section 3.3 will impact positively on the health and wellbeing of communities; achievement of the strategic priorities of reducing reoffending, violence reduction and reducing victimisation will reduce the physical and mental harm of becoming a victim of crime.

## **12.0 Human resources implications**

12.1 The City of Wolverhampton Council is the employer for one post which will be funded using contributions from the PCC grant which are detailed within section the postholder will be a member of the Community Safety Team. The proposals within this report will provide funding the fixed term posts to 31 March 2021.

## **13.0 Corporate landlord implications**

13.1 There are no Corporate Landlord implications.

## **14.0 Schedule of background papers**

14.1 There are no background papers