

CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL	Cabinet 21 April 2021
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Report title	Police and Crime Commissioner Grant Allocation (2021-2022)	
Decision designation	AMBER	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Jasbir Jaspal Public Health and Wellbeing	
Key decision	Yes	
In forward plan	Yes	
Wards affected	All Wards	
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	Strategic Executive Board	8 April 2021

Recommendations for decision:

The Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Approve the use of the Wolverhampton Police Crime Commissioner (PCC) Community Safety Partnership Fund allocation for 2021-2022 by Safer Wolverhampton Partnership (SWP), to deliver and commission activity to support strategic community safety priorities in line with grant conditions.
2. Approve the establishment of supplementary revenue budgets totalling £38,400 fully funded grant, subject to the carry forward of 2020-2021 unspent grant being approved by the PCC.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To seek approval of SWP plans for the Community Safety Partnership Fund allocation 2021- 2022 in line with grant conditions, to aid delivery of agreed citywide crime and community safety objectives.
- 1.2 The funding will be utilised by Safer Wolverhampton Partnership for specific projects to add value to mainstream delivery against the Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2020-2023 as set out in the grant conditions.

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. For SWP the funding will be utilised to support implementation of the Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy (2020-2023).
- 2.2 The following strategic priorities feature within the strategy:

Strategic Priority	Outcomes
Reducing Offending	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduced adult and youth offending• High volume and high-risk offenders managed effectively• Improved use of pathways to change offender attitudes and behaviours• Earlier identification for those in need of support• Work effectively with the partnership to implement interventions to change behaviours, deter criminality and prevent offending, utilising enforcement where appropriate.
Preventing Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote a shared understanding that any form of violence is unacceptable• Work effectively with partners to support offenders and utilise appropriate enforcement when necessary• Reduced prevalence of violent crime across all ages• Ensure Wolverhampton is a safe place to live, work and visit• Influence and input into delivery provided by the West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit to ensure that it meets local need
Harm Reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase reporting of crime, particularly hidden crimes• Earlier identification of those at risk• Recognition that reducing harm is everyone's business• Empower residents to build a community response to harm reduction

Strategic Priority	Outcomes
Building Community Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People are encouraged to be more actively involved in their local area and take pride in it • Build on trust and confidence to increase reporting of crime • Residents take responsibility for their communities and support each other • Strengthen community cohesion.

2.3 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 PCCs remit to fund these services centrally. The establishment of a West Midlands Community Safety Partnership 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.

3.0 Local Delivery

3.1 Following consultation with SWP Board members and approval from the Chair, proposed plans for the use of Wolverhampton's £150,000 allocation for 2021-2022 are detailed below:

Wolverhampton Local Delivery (2021-2022)	
Harm Reduction/ Violence Prevention Tackling interpersonal violence, including violence against women and girls.	
Domestic Abuse Specialist post <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violence against Women and Girls Specialist post to ensure a continuation of specialism within the Authority to support the new forthcoming national Domestic Abuse Bill • Training to partners and communities around domestic abuse and violence against women and girls • Coordination of partnership board to address interpersonal violence (including domestic abuse, sexual violence, stalking and harassment, forced marriage, female genital mutilation and honour-based violence) in partnership 	£40,000
Harm Reduction/ Violence Prevention Tackling violence and exploitation	
Targeted activity around exploitation and modern-day slavery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public awareness campaigns and events/conferences to raise awareness of modern-day slavery and exploitation. • Supporting activity around Wolverhampton Exploitation Hub. • Training around exploitation and modern-day slavery to upskill partners and communities. 	£10,000

<p>Youth violence and exploitation targeted outreach support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuation of outreach support to target locations where there is an identified risk to young people of exploitation or violence, including focused work within West Midlands Police (WMP) Impact areas. 	<p>£40,000</p>
<p>Specialist school holiday provision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of school holiday activities to engage young people in a positive way and provide diversion from exploitation and criminality. Activity to compliment universal holiday/virtual squad offer. School holiday activity will be delivered in targeted locations where young people are at increased risk of criminality and exploitation, including WMP Impact areas. 	<p>£30,000</p>
<p>Harm Reduction/ Reducing Offending/ Building Community Capacity Supporting the community and addressing vulnerability</p>	
<p>Activity to reduce victimisation and repeat victimisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assist in the delivery of a place-based approach and empower grass roots delivery, including targeted activity in WMP impact areas. Coordinated approach to addressing neighbourhood crime. Target hardening of properties to reduce repeat victimisation. Working with communities to empower them, build trust and confidence and increase reporting of crime and information sharing. Responding to public place violence, including a focus on female and vulnerable victims. Providing personal safety advice and equipment to communities (including vulnerable groups) to prevent victimisation and repeat victimisation. 	<p>£15,000</p>
<p>Community engagement, cohesion and hidden crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination of Community Cohesion Forum Engagement with faith and community groups to increase cohesion Training and awareness of Prevent via Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP) training within communities and with key partners Raise awareness of under reported crimes, including hate crime, and hidden domestic abuse crimes Addressing perceptions of crime – including targeted activity to address fears and concerns around the safety of women. 	<p>£15,000</p>
<p>Total</p>	<p>£150,000</p>

3.2 Flexibility will be built into the delivery plan to respond to any changing restrictions relating to Covid-19. The activity will also support the corporate priority of 'Relighting Our

City' contributing to recovery from Covid-19, particularly by supporting young people and utilising a place-based approach to support communities.

- 3.3 The allocation will also contribute to the circular economy in Wolverhampton, by supporting external third sector providers with strong links into local communities.
- 3.4 There is some anticipated carry forward from the PCC budget for 2020-2021 totalling £38,400. This was budget allocated to events and activity which were unable to take place due to restrictions around Covid-19. A proportion of the underspend also relates to delays in recruitment to the domestic violence specialist post. A formal request has been made to the PCC to carry forward the amount so that this activity can take place in 2021-2022.
- 3.5 The below activity is funded regionally by the Police and Crime Commissioner and therefore not included within local allocation delivery plans. The proposed local activity will compliment and align with regional delivery, which will benefit Wolverhampton:
- Independent Domestic Violence Advisors
 - Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) administration
 - Domestic Homicide Reviews
 - Youth Offending allocation
 - Arrest Referral (Drug Intervention Programme)
 - Restorative justice West Midlands programme
 - Violence Reduction Unit Programmes – including education intervention advisor, community navigator and targeted holiday sport activity

4.0 Police and Commissioner Allocations

- 4.1 The table below shows the direct allocation given to each local authority area for 2021-2022. These amounts do not include any services provided on a regional basis. The allocation for Wolverhampton of £150,000 is equal to the allocation received in 2020-2021.

Area	Community Safety Partnership Allocation £000
Birmingham	660
Coventry	165
Dudley	135
Sandwell	165
Solihull	90
Walsall	135

Wolverhampton	150
Total	1,500

- 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. 2020-2021 was a challenging year due to the impact of Covid-19. Funding was predominantly used to facilitate innovative online activity for young people and outreach services for those in the most need. It is anticipated that during 2021-2022, this focus should continue as required, moving again to face to face delivery, whilst continuing to strengthen relationships 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.

5.0 Evaluation of alternative options

- 5.1 Option one - Cabinet 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 3.1 of the report. 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 – Cabinet to refuse delegation of income from the Police and Crime Commissioner. 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 3.1 of the report.

6.0 Reasons for decisions

- 6.1 Approving the recommendations set out in this report 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 2021-2022 will be used to support the programme detailed in section 3.1; the full cost of which would be met from within the grant resources available.

7.2 There is some anticipated carry forward from the PCC budget for 2020-2021 totalling £38,400. This was budget allocated to events and activity which were unable to take place due to restrictions around Covid-19. A proportion of the underspend also relates to delays in recruitment to the domestic violence specialist post. A formal request has been made to the PCC to carry forward the amount so that this activity can take place in 2021-2022. This report seeks approval to establish supplementary revenue budgets totalling £38,400 fully funded by grant, subject to the carry forward being approved by the PCC.

7.3 The PCC grant 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.

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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.

8.3 Additional statutory duties will be placed on the local authority in the upcoming Domestic Abuse Bill. The Domestic Abuse Specialist post funding will ensure that the local authority is prepared for the Bill and able to discharge its duties when the Bill is implemented.

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9.0 Equalities implications

9.1 The programme of delivery for 2021-2022 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 All other Implications

- 10.1 Health and Wellbeing Implications - Delivery of the services outlined in section 3.3 will impact positively on the health and wellbeing of communities and contribute to reducing deprivation in the city; 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.
- 10.2 Covid-19 Implications - flexibility will be built into the delivery plan to respond to any changing restrictions relating to Covid-19. The activity will also support with recovery from Covid-19, particularly supporting young people and utilising a place-based approach to support communities.
- 10.3 Human Resources Implications – The Domestic Abuse Specialist post will be hosted within the Community Safety Team in CWC. This is an existing filled post and a proportion of the funding will be utilised to fund the post for 2021-2022.

11.0 Schedule of background papers

- 11.1 No background papers.