

Cabinet (Resources) Panel

27 April 2022

Report title	Police and Crime Commissioner Grant Allocation (2022-2023)	
Decision designation	AMBER	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Jasbir Jaspal Health and Wellbeing	
Key decision	Yes	
In forward plan	Yes	
Wards affected	All wards	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Public Health Leadership Team	15 March 2022
	Strategic Executive Board	14 April 2022

Recommendation for decision:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to:

1. Approve the use of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Fund allocation for 2022-2023 by Safer Wolverhampton Partnership (SWP), to deliver and commission activity to support mainstream delivery against strategic community safety priorities in line with grant conditions.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To seek approval of use of the 2022-2023 CSP Fund allocation by SWP in line with grant conditions.
- 1.2 To set out SWP plans for the fund to deliver and commission activity to add value to mainstream delivery against the Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy 2020-2023 by SWP member organisations.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) makes an annual allocation of grant to the seven CSPs within the West Midlands Metropolitan area to support delivery of their strategic plans.
- 2.2 Wolverhampton CSP priorities are set out in SWPs Community Safety and Harm Reduction Strategy (2020-2023).
- 2.3 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.

3.0 Local Delivery

- 3.1 Wolverhampton has strong ambitions when it comes to reducing crime and disorder in the City and the activity funded by this grant will compliment a wide suite of activity funded through mainstream resources of City of Wolverhampton Council (CWC) and partners as well as other grant funding streams. The focus of SWP remains on collaborative working and ensuring crime and community safety activity delivered by partners across the City is aligned and coordinated. The annual CSP grant allocation allows SWP to fund additional activity to compliment this mainstream delivery.
- 3.2 The activity outlined will also support in delivery against the objectives set out in the City of Wolverhampton Council Plan with a focus of protecting the most vulnerable residents at risk of harm and exploitation and supporting inclusive, welcoming communities where people feel safe and support each other.
- 3.3 Following consultation with SWP Board members and approval from the Chair, proposed plans for the use of Wolverhampton's £150,000 allocation for 2022-2023 are detailed below:

Wolverhampton Local Delivery (2022-2023)	
Harm Reduction/ Violence Prevention	
Tackling interpersonal violence, including violence against women and girls.	
Domestic Abuse Specialist post <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution towards the Violence Against Women and Girls Specialist post to ensure a continuation of specialism within the Authority. • 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"> • This will support the work of Wolverhampton Exploitation Hub which has a total investment of over £400,000. 	£10,000

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public awareness campaigns and events/conferences to raise awareness of modern-day slavery and exploitation. Training around exploitation and modern-day slavery to upskill partners and communities. 	
Youth violence and exploitation targeted outreach support <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. This will compliment CWCs universal detached outreach service which has an annual value of almost £150,000. 	£40,000
Specialist school holiday provision <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. School holiday activity will be delivered in targeted locations where young people are at increased risk of criminality and exploitation, including WMP Impact areas. This will complement the wider Holiday Activity and Food Fund (HAF) funded offer provided by CWC which totalled £1.4 million for summer 2021. 	£30,000
Harm Reduction/ Reducing Offending/ Building Community Capacity Supporting the community and addressing vulnerability	
Activity to reduce victimisation and repeat victimisation <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. 	£15,000
Community engagement, cohesion and hidden crime <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. 	£15,000
Total	£150,000

- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 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:
- Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) for victims of domestic abuse
 - Domestic Homicide Reviews
 - Youth Offending Teams allocation
 - Victims Fund allocations
 - New Chance (interventions with vulnerable females at risk of criminality)
 - Community Safety Partnership analysts
 - Arrest Referral (Drug Intervention Programme)
 - Restorative justice West Midlands programme (anti-social behaviour intervention)
 - Force-wide car cruising injunctions

4.0 Police and Commissioner Allocations

- 4.1 The table below shows the direct allocation given to each local authority area for 2022-2023. 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 2021-2022. There has also been commitment from the PCCs office that the funding allocations will be the same for the financial year 2023-2024.

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 The PCC allocation 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 - 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 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 (Resources) Panel 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 3.3 of the report.

6.0 Reasons for decision(s)

- 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 in Wolverhampton.

7.0 Financial implications

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 The cost of Council activities detailed in the body of this report will be met in full from the 2022-2023 PCC grant of £150,000.
- 7.3 Wolverhampton has strong ambitions when it comes to reducing crime and disorder in the City and the activity funded by this grant will compliment a wider suite of activity funded through mainstream resources of CWC and partners as well as other grant funding streams. For example, the allocation for activity to raise awareness of exploitation will complement the wider work of Wolverhampton's Exploitation Hub (which has an annual investment of over £400,000 from CWC and West Midlands Police as well as significant in-kind investment from wider partners) and the targeted activity around youth violence will be used creatively to complement the HAF funded holiday provision and CWC funded detached youth work service (these had a combined investment of over £1.5 million during 2021-2022).

- 7.4 The focus of SWP remains on collaborative working and ensuring crime and community safety activity delivered by partners across the city is aligned and coordinated. The annual CSP grant allocation allows SWP to fund additional activity to compliment this mainstream delivery.
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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. The activity outlined within this report will support the work of the Safer Wolverhampton Partnership in delivering against these duties.
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9.0 Equalities implications

- 9.1 The programme of delivery for 2022-2023 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.
- 9.2 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.

10.0 All other implications

- 10.1 Health and Wellbeing Implications - Delivery of the services outlined 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 offending, violence reduction and reducing victimisation will reduce the physical and mental harm of becoming a victim of crime.

11.0 Schedule of background papers

- 11.1 No background papers.