



**STRATEGIC POLICING AND CRIME BOARD
7 July 2015**

**Outcomes from the Community Safety Fund
2014-15**

Purpose of the Report

1. To update members of the Board on the outcomes for the Community Safety Fund monies allocated to each of the seven Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) by the Commissioner. Each of the CSPs evolved into a Local Police and Crime Board during 2013-14. Full details of the structure for each local authority area can be found here <http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/key-issues/local-policing-and-crime-boards/>
2. The Commissioner continued to passport the Community Safety Fund allocation for 2014-15 to the Local Police and Crime Boards and has made a commitment that Community Safety Funding levels should remain the same in 2015/16 as those in 2014/15.
3. Details of the Commissioner's decision regarding Community Safety Fund can be found here: <http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/media/279830/wmpcc-002-2014-revenue-budget-2014-15.pdf>

Background

4. In 2013-14, in addition to the Home Office Police Main Grant and other specific Home Office police grants (such as Counter Terrorism Policing Grant), Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) received funding from the new Home Office Community Safety Fund (CSF). The CSF was un-ringfenced and PCCs were able to use it to commission services that help tackle drugs and crime, reduce re-offending, and improve community safety in their force area.
5. The allocation of the CSF to individual Commissioners from the Home Office was based on the existing distribution of drugs, crime and community safety grants across police force areas and was initially ringfenced. The allocation is no longer ring-fenced and now forms part of the the Commissioners revenue budget.

Levels of Funding

6. The total allocation of the CSF to the Local Police and Crime Boards in the West Midlands for the financial year 2014-15 was £5,719,830.
7. Attached at Annex 1 and 2 is a breakdown of the financial and outcome reporting that the OPCC has received from the 7 Local Police and Crime Boards. Local Police and Crime Plans form the basis for activity in the local areas, and is the framework for local delivery of the Commissioners Police and Crime Plan.
8. The financial breakdown at Annex 1 details the areas of activity that were allocated funding by the Boards, and the performance information at Annex 2 details the outcomes that the projects have achieved. The OPCC has detailed those activities that are performing really well, and also areas where there are still some gaps in reporting.
9. The reporting templates that are now being used gives us a clearer indication of how funding has been spent and the outcomes attached to activity.

Financial Implications

10. The financial implications are set out in the table below.

CSF 2014/15 Summary of Spend						
	13/14 Carry Forward	14/15 Allocation	Total Budget 14/15	Total Actual Spend	Carry Forward Request	Total
Birmingham	£301,000	£2,497,583	£2,798,583	£2,659,764	£138,819	£2,798,583
Coventry	£0	£546,304	£546,304	£515,643	£30,661	£546,304
Dudley	£7,131	£396,364	£403,495	£381,947	£21,548	£403,495
Sandwell	£0	£530,190	£530,190	£445,854	£84,336	£530,190
Solihull	£170,420	£285,938	£456,358	£440,278	£16,080	£456,358
Walsall	£90,202	£402,203	£492,405	£346,741	£145,664	£492,405
Wolverhampton	£0	£492,495	£492,495	£492,495	£0	£492,495
	£568,753	£5,151,077	£5,719,830	£5,282,722	£437,108	£5,719,830
Carry Forward Requests						
Birmingham - Street Wardens - £60k, Support Birmingham & Solihull Women's Aid-£45k, Westside Wardens - £34k						
Coventry - DHR/Analyst £30k						
Dudley - Sanctuary scheme - £4.5k, facewatch - £4k, JAR - £6.5k, Young researchers - £4k, Talking signs contract - £2k						
Sandwell - DV Perpetrator Programme in DV Advocate - £76.5k, Domestic Homicide Reviews - £8k						
Solihull - Community Tasking Fund £16k						
Walsall - Analyst -£22k, DHR - £10k, Cross border Injunction - £19k, ASB – £11k, Business Crime - £3k, Domestic Abuse inc Co-ordinator - £38k, CSE Co-ordinator - £41k						
Wolverhampton - None						

Legal Implications

11. Schedule 9 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides Commissioners with the powers to award crime and disorder grants to any organisations

and projects they consider will help them achieve their crime prevention and wider priorities.

Recommendations

12. The Board is asked to note the contents of the report.

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