



STRATEGIC POLICING AND CRIME BOARD
6th December 2016

Community Safety Grant 2016-17

Report of the Chief Executive

Purpose of the Report

1. To update members of the Board on the outcomes of the funding allocated to each of the seven Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) by the Commissioner for 2016-17 following the annual report to the Board in July 2016. In addition it will give members an update on the work being done with Heads of Community Safety, West Midlands Police and Local Police and Crime Boards on collaboration.
2. Members requested an update on progress six months into the financial year 2016-17 further to the annual report given to the Board in July 2016.
3. Details of the Commissioner's decision regarding the allocation of funding from Police Main Grant for 2016-17 can be found here: <http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/transparency/record-of-decisions/2016/wmpcc-004-2016---201617-revenue-budget-and-precept-and-capital-budget-and-programme-201617---201920/>

Background

4. The allocation that is passported to Local Police and Crime Boards forms part of the Commissioners Police Main Grant. The Police and Crime Commissioner is not a statutory member of CSP's but does provide funding for each of them to help achieve their own objectives within Local Police and Crime Plans, and those in the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan. Decisions on funding are made by the Boards to respond to local issues and the Police and Crime Commissioners office monitors expenditure and outcomes on a quarterly basis. Funding is paid out on receipt of satisfactory monitoring information.

Levels of Funding

5. The Commissioner has made a commitment of a two year allocation of the Police main grant to local councils for Community Safety. This means that the allocation for 2016-17 is as follows:

	Community Safety 2016-17
District	£
Birmingham	1,873,187
Coventry	409,728
Dudley	297,273
Sandwell	397,643
Solihull	214,454
Walsall	301,652
Wolverhampton	369,371
Total	3,863,308

6. The reporting templates that have been developed by the OPCC gives us a clearer indication of how funding has been spent and the outcomes attached to activity. Each of the activities are a response to the local issues that have been identified through the Local Police and Crime Plan which is developed from the strategic assessment and through consultation with local people. The Commissioners Police and Crime Plan also reflects the local priorities that are identified. The inclusion of more focussed outcome reporting has been a major shift away from the previous monitoring regime.
7. The Commissioner expects Local Police and Crime Boards to be able to evidence activity and how the funding has made a difference in their local authority areas.

Update on Monitoring Information

8. Monitoring information received during the first 2 quarters for the financial year 2016-17 is improved. The only area that has not returned monitoring information is Solihull. Attached at Annex 1 and 1a is a summary of the Q2 information received from the other 6 areas.

Example of Collaborative Working: CSP Analyst Hub

9. The Commissioner has requested that the 7 Local Police Police and Crime Boards be more collaborative and look for areas where they can look for efficiencies, savings and more effective working within the overall budget allocation. There are a number of areas where all seven Boards allocate funding to the same priority however it is delivered in different ways. There needs to be some consistency and standardisation. One of those areas is the Partnership Analyst. All seven Boards have a Partnership Analyst undertaking the analytic function within the crime and disorder arena and we have worked with West Midlands Police and the Heads of Community to deliver an option that will lead to a more streamlined response.
10. The initial review of the Analyst function was undertaken to in order to design an analytical service for the seven Community Safety Partnerships which will:
 - Bring synergy with analysts working across Partnerships and WMP.
 - Introduce an effective product and service commissioning.
 - Ensure that individuals within the CSP analysts role are provided with opportunities for accreditation within the National Intelligence Professionalisation Programme (NIPP).

- Identify service efficiencies within the CSP analyst roles and ensure financial savings.
11. Four options were presented to the Heads of Community Safety on the 24 June and then taken back to the local areas for discussion with Local Police and Crime Boards over the summer. The options were:
- 4a: Locally based CSP Analysts employed by each Local Authority
- 4b: A Central Hub of CSP Analysts which would mean analytical requests are serviced by a central pool with possible sub-options
- 4c: Division of Strategic and Tactical Work where strategic work is serviced by a small central pool. Tactical work is serviced by hubs of analysts
- 4d: Minimum Service Level which would mean that strategic work is serviced by a small central pool. No capacity for other work to be commissioned.
12. The preferred option from those above is 4b. The CSP Analyst Hub will be part of West Midlands Police Intelligence function and enable us to have a view of work across all seven CSPs, identifying efficiencies, and also fits into a Centre of Excellence model. It will allow us to have a consistent model for tasking and performance management and allows us to have resilience in case of vacancies and absences. Discussions are still taking place to address local flexibilities, however the Analyst Hub arrangements will be in place for April 2017.

West Midlands Community Safety Partnership

13. The Commissioner will be exploring the development of a West Midlands Community Safety Partnership during 2017, with the first discussion taking place at the Partnership Summit which took place on 25 November 2016. There was a brief discussion with the representatives in attendance from each LPCB looking at the immediate thoughts from the local areas. This discussion was the start of a consultation process on the development of the West Midlands CSP. This would not affect local structures that would still have the statutory responsibilities under the Crime and Disorder Act.
14. A force wide CSP could look at the following:
- Building upon existing multi-agency relationships / approaches to crime reduction and community safety, e.g. data sharing protocols
 - Creating a West Midlands-wide community safety forum with emphasis on prevention
 - Advising on key community safety issues
 - Bringing together responsible authorities and criminal justice partners to discuss and identify issues of mutual concern including best practice and any blockages
 - Discussing and reviewing proposed changes to relevant legislation and new initiatives relating to crime reduction and community safety
 - Supporting implementation of the Police and Crime Plan

- Making recommendations for allocation of community safety funding.
15. Work will continue with partners considering issues such as the structure and representation on the group, appropriate regional responses, and how we ensure the local response is incorporated into decision making as one of the key concerns at the Summit was about the loss of local control and alignment with local priorities.
16. 2015-16 saw the following allocation of budget from across the seven Boards and we need to consider whether or not a regional response will give us economies of scale and a more effective response.
- 4/7 allocate funding to Domestic Abuse c£500k
 - 6/7 allocate funding to Domestic Homicide Reviews £500k
 - 4/7 allocate funding to substance misuse c£400k
 - 6/7 allocate funding to youth offending / offender management / youth violence c.£1.7m

Financial Implications

17. Table 1 and Table 2 below sets out the current financial situation regarding spend of the Community Safety Budget for each of the 7 LPCBs at the end of Quarter 2.

Table 1

Local Authority	2016/17 Allocation	2015/16 Carry Forward	2016/17 Total Allocation	Planned Allocation as per Q2 Return	Remainder to be Allocated	% Allocated	Comments
Birmingham CC	£1,873,187	£0	£1,873,187	£1,630,367	£242,820	87%	
Coventry CC	£409,728	£102,504	£512,232	£492,478	£19,754	96%	
Dudley MBC	£297,273	£22,505	£319,778	£295,842	£23,936	93%	
Sandwell MBC	£397,643	£85,248	£482,891	£459,090	£23,801	95%	
Solihull MBC	£214,454	£0	£214,454	£214,454	£0	100%	Q2 report has not been received, Q1 figures have therefore been used for Q2
Walsall MBC	£301,652	£52,279	£353,931	£315,767	£38,164	89%	
Wolverhampton CC	£369,371	£168,638	£538,009	£538,010	-£1	100%	
Total	£3,863,308	£431,174	£4,294,482	£3,946,008	£348,474		

Please note the 2015/16 carry forward is slightly different to the amount reported in the 2015/16 Summary of Spend report due to year end adjustments

Table 2

Local Authority	2016/17 Allocation	2015/16 Carry Forward	2016/17 Total Allocation	Q1 Spend	Q2 Spend	% Spend at Q2	Comments
Birmingham CC	£1,873,187	£0	£1,873,187	£275,109	£508,449	27%	
Coventry CC	£409,728	£102,504	£512,232	£27,531	£242,941	47%	
Dudley MBC	£297,273	£22,505	£319,778	£58,291	£158,183	49%	
Sandwell MBC	£397,643	£85,248	£482,891	£80,914	£209,170	43%	
Solihull MBC	£214,454	£0	£214,454	£133,454	£133,454	62%	Q2 report has not been received, Q1 figures have therefore been used for Q2
Walsall MBC	£301,652	£52,279	£353,931	£71,533	£131,435	37%	
Wolverhampton CC	£369,371	£168,638	£538,009	£47,269	£144,090	27%	
Total	£3,863,308	£431,174	£4,294,482	£694,101	£1,527,722		

Please note that the amounts above are cumulative

Legal Implications

18. 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.

19. A link to the responsibilities of PCCs and CSPs is below. It sets the requirement for CSPs to share their partnership plans and community safety agreements with the PCC and gives the PCC power to call together representatives from the responsible authorities across their police area to attend a meeting under the Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 ('the 2012 Regulations')

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/117509/community-safety-partnerships.pdf

Recommendations

20. The Board is asked to note the progress within the report.

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