

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE  
AND CRIME  
COMMISSIONER**

NON-CONFIDENTIAL

**NOTICE OF DECISION**

**[016/2017]**

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Title: External grants 2017-18

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A decision to:

- allocate funding to a total of £3,872,250 to a series of projects and schemes in 2017-18 detailed in Annex A of this document in support of the objectives in the West Midlands Police and Crime Plan 2016 - 2020

Schedule 9 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides Police and Crime Commissioners with the powers to award crime and disorder grants they consider will help them achieve their crime prevention and wider priorities.

**DECISION**

I approve the allocation of funding to the projects in Annex A and, in accordance with the Joint Scheme of Corporate Governance, delegate the authorisation of expenditure of the projects to the Chief Executive.

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**West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner**

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands. Any interests are indicated below.

Signature.....

Date.....4.4.17.....

## **NON - CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

### **INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

#### *External grants, 2017/18*

The Police and Crime Plan 2016 - 2020 sets out the Commissioner's police and crime objectives. These include:

- Protecting from harm
- Supporting victims of crime
- Building trust and confidence in our police
- Strengthening communities and growing the economy
- Building a modern police service
- Standing up for young people
- Tackling national and international threats

Since the July 2016 managers within the PCC's office have been developing proposals for funding during 2017/18. These were reviewed as a management team in November 2016 to construct the list of projects detailed in Annex A. A number of these projects have already commenced in 2016/17 and 2017/18 will be the second year of funding. All the projects will assist in the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan.

The proposed projects and schemes will be allocated to lead member of staff in the PCC's office, and, as appropriate, there will be project management and oversight arrangements in place, to include project plans, financial oversight, governance oversight, performance monitoring, outcomes monitoring, communications plans and engagement activity.

Responsibility for delivery is delegated to the Chief Executive in accordance with the Scheme of Joint Governance.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The external spend programme detailed in Annex A is supported by 2017/18 revenue funding and reserves as detailed in the Commissioners Budget for 2017/18.

Expenditure will be compliant with all appropriate requirements and procedures.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

#### *External grants, 2017-18*

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.

## **EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

The proposed schemes and projects address significant disadvantage among a number of groups:

- Individuals with mental health needs
- Young people not in employment, education or training
- Individuals who have had contact with the criminal justice system
- Individuals at risk of violence, particularly domestic violence

A number of projects are also aimed at addressing specific needs and issues affecting individuals with protected characteristics:

- Gender
- Ethnicity

A number of the external grant projects and schemes are also designed to facilitate and mobilise community and public activity, thereby increasing social capital and community cohesion.

### **Schedule of Background Papers**

n/a

### **Public Access to Information**

Information contained in this decision is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation. This decision will be made available on the Commissioner's website.

Annex A

**Police Crime Commissioner - External Funding Plan 2017/18**

PRIORITY AREA	PURPOSE	FUNDING REQUIRED 2017/18
European Social Fund Youth Employment Initiative	Birmingham and Solihull mentoring and support project aimed at young people not in education, employment or training. 2nd year of investment.	£500,000
Active Citizens	West Midlands wide project allowing neighbourhood policing units to work with organisations to develop and implement projects that actively support citizens to make their communities safer.	£800,000
Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programme	Force wide trial of interventions to reduce offending by perpetrators of domestic violence. Funding part of a year 2 of programme.	£500,000
Projects from Gangs and Violence Commissioner recommendations	Money for specific projects resulting from recommendations from the Gangs and Violence Commission. Includes schools coordinator post and grant funding post. Post to create external funding opportunities for the West Midlands. The post will bid for grants and will work with organisations to develop ideas for funding, submitting applications and working with partners to deliver projects. The post will be employed by an organisation independent of the Police and Crime Commissioner's office. Post to work with specific schools to assist in creating and developing opportunities for young people across the West Midlands. Post to be paid for from PCC funds but employed by another organisation. Post is likely to be teacher post based in a school.	£450,000

PRIORITY AREA	PURPOSE	FUNDING REQUIRED 2017/18
Violence Prevention Alliance	Continuation of project working in partnership with police and Public Health. Projects adopts a public health approach of identifying and addressing root causal factors to reduce violence and improve health, wellbeing and safety. Interventions are evidenced based, testing and evaluating new approaches will be undertaken. Particular projects will include mentors in schools, responding earlier to domestic abuse within Primary Care, intervening in acute health settings and support systems to understand adverse childhood experiences.	£400,000
Violence Prevention Alliance	Core costs, admin, project manager, health scientists, admin.	£137,000
Offender Management	Post criminal sanction to assist people into work.	£250,000
Reducing offending through employment - Black Country	Prevention project to encourage young people into employment and training. Project being delivered through Catch 22 organisation in Wolverhampton that works with young people to prevent them becoming involved in gangs and give them an exit strategy if they are in gangs.	£160,000
Mental Health Commission Recommendation	Mental Health Treatment orders - Requirement to go through courts to obtain the orders. Will be used to fund 140 individuals.	£120,000
Whole system approach to female offenders (New Chance).	Offender management programme.	£100,000
Social Investment Fund	Investment potentially in partnership Birmingham City Council in a social investment scheme. This will see the Commissioner providing loans to small companies to help reduce crime.	£100,000
Mental Health Commission Recommendation	Out of prison mental health support relating to Featherstone Prison	£80,000

PRIORITY AREA	PURPOSE	FUNDING REQUIRED 2017/18
Reducing offending through employment - Coventry	Projects to be developed that support finding employment for young ex offenders in Coventry. Being delivered through Henley College.	£75,000
Stop and Search education	Force wide roll out of schools-based stop and search education.	£50,000
Knife Bins	At least one knife bin in each local authority area. Maintenance of existing bins and 2 workshops in each of the 8 locations which has an allocation of £24,000. £10,000 is to ensure the other areas also have a bin.	£50,000
Stop and Search Project	Warwick University - Research proposal (2 year project £56k in total).	£28,000
Mentoring Project	Mentoring for high risk SAC offenders who are managed by the Coventry IOM team.	£26,000
West Midlands Combined Authority	Payment for observer status on WMCA.	£21,250
Safer Communities Fund	General resource to support small scale projects.	£20,000
Precious Lives Project	Education project on the impact of violent crime on those involved and diversionary activity away from crime, in particular knife/weapon carrying.	£5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£3,872,250</b>