

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE
AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER**

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NOTICE OF DECISION

043/2013

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Title: **Invest to Save Budget Business**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Commissioner has passported the Home Office Community Safety Fund allocation of £6,969,000 to the seven Community Safety Partnerships in the West Midlands. In addition he identified up to £350,000 for non-recurring and invest to save schemes, subject to the submission of appropriate business cases by local partnerships. This is a one-off budget for 2013-14. Partnerships have been encouraged to identify projects that will lead to more efficient and effective working practices and which also help with sustainability of work to reduce crime and disorder in the light of the 12% Government reduction to their community safety funding for 2013-14.

The business cases that were received have been reviewed by the Commissioner's Strategic Policing and Crime Board and the Commissioner has given consideration to those comments in making his decision on the bids submitted.

DECISION

I have considered the business cases and approve the following bids, with funding from the Invest to Save Budget.

	Partnership Board	Aims and Objectives of Project	Approved
S1	Safer Solihull Partnership	Project to address Violent Crime 1 year project to support a targeted approach to violent crime in the priority areas of Chelmsley Wood and Smith's Wood.	£10,000 in the first instance with a further £40,000 to be allocated should the issues regarding sustainability be resolved.
D1	Safe and Sound Dudley	Commissioning of the services of the local Community Payback team.	£10,000
C1	Coventry Local Police and Crime	Safeguarding Hub - Revised model to focus on early intervention and prevention, active case management and	£35,000

	Board	safe and well aftercare in response to the biggest community safety issue of DVA.	
C2		Safer Homes Initiative – partnership activity to recruit an additional 20 Special Constables to serve alongside local neighbourhood policing teams in priority areas	£38,000
W1	Safer Walsall Partnership	Business Crime Initiative to respond to an increase in business crime, low level ASB and to tackle the area as an identified priority area.	£25,000
W2		No Cold Calling Zones – initiative to respond to distraction/bogus official burglaries and rogue doorstep sellers	£15,000
B1	Birmingham Community Safety Partnership	Youth Violence project which seeks funding for a number of discrete interventions	50,000 £17,000 of the allocation is ringfenced for a pilot camera project to be undertaken with Sandwell.
B2		Domestic Abuse project which seeks funding for a number of discrete interventions	30,000
SS1	Safer Sandwell Partnership	Domehawk Bid request to respond to Town issues and priorities. 8 new mini domehawk cameras 8 x 3G airtime contracts	17,000
SS3		Polish Engagement Project – a series of engagement events targeting the Polish community in West Bromwich	£1,500
SS4		Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub Project (MASH) Co-location of safeguarding agencies to identify risks to children and respond effectively	£35,000
SS5		Rights and Equality Sandwell – Development of a User-led Reference Group to ensure that the partnership connects with local communities.	£8,000
		Total approved	£274,500 in the first instance £314,500 if Solihull is allocated a further £40,000.

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 West Midlands Office for Policing and Crime. Any interests are indicated below.

Signature.....Bob Jones.....

Date.....3 December 2013.....

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

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Bids have been received from six of the seven local authority areas. No bids have been received from Wolverhampton. The total bids amount to £509,260. There is £320,000 available with the Commissioner having already made a £30,000 award to a joint bid from all seven local authority areas to fund research into domestic homicide reviews.

A summary of the bids is included at Appendix A with each of the business cases included in Appendix B.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Invest to Save budget has an allocation of £350,000. £30,000 was previously allocated to the joint domestic homicide review project in September 2013. This is the second tranche of applications to the fund.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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. Such award can be made subject to conditions.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

The Commissioner will ensure that in the operation of the Invest to Save budget, consideration is given to the equality implications of any decision he makes.

Schedule of Background Papers

None

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.