



**STRATEGIC POLICING AND CRIME BOARD
22 March 2022**

**OPCC External Commissioning
Budget 2022/23**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To provide members with details of the Commissioner’s External Commissioning budget for 2022/23.

BACKGROUND

2. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) manages and distributes resources to organisations to deliver crime prevention activities. This report details the various projects and activities that will be supported in 2022/23.
3. The Police and Crime Plan 2021 - 2025 sets out the Commissioner’s police and crime objectives. These include:
 - Rebuilding community policing
 - Preventing and reducing crime
 - Increased confidence in West Midlands Police
 - Supporting the workforce, organisational change and new technology
 - Combatting violence against women and girls and domestic abuse
 - Prioritising the rights of victims
 - An efficient and effective criminal justice system
 - Improving community safety
 - Reducing Violence
 - Working together for children and young people
 - Supporting a friendly, safe and commonwealth games
 - Safer Travel

OPCC EXTERNAL COMMISSIONING BUDGET 2022/23

4. The overall amounts by funding stream for 2022/23 are detailed below.

Programme	Funding Stream	2022/23 £000s
Active Citizens (POCA)	Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA)	400
Community Safety	Police Grant	3,863
External Commissioning	Police Grant and POCA	1,687
Victims Services	Specific Grant	5,341
Total		11,279

5. Managers within the OPCC have been developing proposals for funding during 2022/23 that will be funded from allocations detailed above. These were reviewed by senior managers across the OPCC to construct the list of projects detailed in Appendix A of this report. A number of these projects have already commenced in previous financial years and have received funding from the OPCC therefore the allocations in Appendix A are in addition to previous allocations. All the projects will assist in the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan. The Violence Reduction Unit projects are not included in Appendix A or the above table. This is because we are awaiting an official announcement from the Home Office of the allocation for 2022/23. Then VRU funding is subject to a Home Office application process.
6. The projects and schemes detailed in Appendix A will be allocated to lead member of staff in the OPCC and services will be commissioned in line with the OPCC Commissioning Strategy. 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.
7. Appendix B of this report provides an overview of each funding stream.
8. Responsibility for delivery is delegated to the Chief Executive in accordance with the Scheme of Joint Governance.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. Details of how projects detailed in Appendix A of this report will be funded are included in paragraph 4 of this report. This is through a combination of specific grant, police grant and monies seized through the Proceeds of Crime Act.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10. 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.
11. There may be instances where services are delivered through a contract these will be procured in line with the PCC's standing orders contained within the scheme of governance.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Mark Kenyon
Chief Finance Officer to the PCC

Appendix A - Police Crime Commissioner – *External Commissioning Budget, 2022/23*

	Funding 2022/23
Active Citizens	£400,000

Community Safety Partnership

Project Area	Funding 2022/23
<i>Force Wide Commissioning Allocations</i>	
Youth Offending	£652,108
Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)	£354,000
Community Safety Partnership - Analysts	£210,000
Arrest Referral (Drug Interventions Programme)	£500,000
New Chance	£270,000
Restorative Justice West Midlands – ASB	£63,785
Op Hercules – Forcewide Injunctions	£42,000
Sub-Total	£2,091,893
<i>Local Commissioning Allocations</i>	
Allocation to 7 Local Community Safety Partnerships	£1,500,000
Total Allocated Budget	£3,591,893
£271,410 to be used to fund the Victims Services Budget 2022/23	£271,410
Funding Available 2022/23	£3,863,303

Appendix A - continued

External Commissioning

Project Area	Funding 2022/23
Enterprise for employment (Birmingham)	£100,000
Catch 22	£43,250
Stop and Search Education and Precious Lives	£90,000
Weapon Bins	£100,000
Combined Authority Contribution	£30,000
Naloxone for WMP officers	£5,000
Coventry SAC Project	£28,000
Coventry Family Drug and Alcohol Courts (FDAC)	£44,600
Black Country and Bham & Solihull FDACs - DA advice worker (women's aid)	£89,200
Youth Commissioners	£8,000
Arrest Referral (Drug Interventions Programme)	£503,000
Match Funding to Crime Prevention Activities	£200,000
Cautions and Relationship Abuse (CARA)	£20,000
Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme	£300,000
Peer court	£50,000
Safe Space	£20,000
Divert	£80,000
Drug Safety Testing in the Night Time Economy	£6,000
Community Facilitator	£20,000
Commonwealth Games Legacy	£100,000
Total Allocated to Projects	£1,837,050
C/fwd 21-22 External Fund	£150,050
Total Funding Available 2022/23	£1,687,000

Appendix A - continued

Victims Services

Project Area	Funding 2022/23
Sexual Violence	£268,851
Child Sexual Abuse	£236,633
Domestic Abuse	£750,047
Victim Services	£992,732
Roads	£76,517
Remedi	£225,000
Modern Slavery	£137,563
Female Genital Mutilation	£36,455
NHS SARCs	£59,000
Stalking	£147,980
Hate Crime	£150,000
Helpline	£47,207
Associated Costs of Commissioning	£358,735
Victims Fund	£150,000
Costs	£10,000
DWP	£25,000
Total Allocated to Projects	£3,671,720
MOJ Victims Grant 2022/23	£3,400,310
Allocation from CSP Budget in 2022/23	£271,410
Total Funding Available 2022/23	£3,671,720
ISVA and IDVA Services	£1,669,330
MOJ Allocation for ISVA's and IDVA's	£1,669,330
Total Victims 2022/23	£5,341,050

Appendix B – Funding Streams

The Active Citizens Fund

The Active Citizens Fund (ACF) is financed from monies recovered by West Midlands Police under the **Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA)** 2002 and Police Property Act which lets us confiscate or recover the proceeds of crime from a criminal. Find out more about the Proceeds of Crime Act [here](#)

The PCC's Active Citizens Fund is available to organisations from the community and voluntary sector to support projects that help the PCC meet the priorities set out in his plan.

Funding is allocated via an application process that takes place through each Neighbourhood Policing Unit, to support community engagement. All applications are signed off by the Chief Executive of the OPCC. More information on Active Citizens Fund can be found [here](#)

Community Safety Fund

- The Community Safety Fund allocation comes from Police Main Grant.
- PCCs have the freedom and flexibility to use the grant as they see fit to support their wider crime prevention priorities. PCCs are therefore free to use CSF to invest in existing programmes if they see a benefit in doing so. However, this is a decision for individual PCCs to take locally. PCCs are also free to pool funding with local partners.
- The West Midlands Community Safety Partnership (WMCSF) is a force wide strategic partnership comprised of key partners who have a statutory responsibility or role within community safety. The WMCSF mirrors the local partnerships and partners include YOS, Public Health, Fire, WMCA, Local Authorities, CCG's and WMP.
- 2018/19 was a transition year, however the PCC has continued to distribute funds to local authorities to commission the projects that the seven CSPs have highlighted as critical areas of capability. The PCC will continue to fund these activities while working towards a force-wide response to the priorities agreed on by the WMCSF. These are:
 - Preventing crime and disorder
 - Serious and organised crime
 - Supporting victims
 - Offending and reoffending
 - Substance Misuse

External Commissioning Fund

This budget is supported by Police Main Grant and enables the PCC to fund activities that support the outcomes from his Police and Plan. Projects within this allocation cover a wide range of priorities, from offender management, gangs and violence, intervention and prevention including and domestic violence perpetrator programmes as well as working with communities to enhance services and maintain community contact across the West Midlands. Community groups, voluntary organisations and social enterprises are working with the OPCC to make the West Midlands an even safer place. This funding comes from Police Main Grant and is an acknowledgement that policing alone is not the only response to the reduction of crime and disorder.

Victims Fund

The Ministry of Justice provides a ring-fenced grant on a statutory basis to the PCC to commission services to support victims and their immediate family members cope and recover from crimes they may have experienced, regardless of whether the crime has been reported to the Police. This grant is subject to specific conditions and requirements, which includes the submission of grant returns detailing quantitative information on the services funded. The funding is issued as a grant under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 to support 'victims, witnesses or other persons affected by offences.

The grant is provided for the following purposes:

- Providing or commissioning a referral service, where victims can be provided with information or referral to other suitable support services in accordance with their needs
- Providing or commissioning support services for victims of crime and any additional services for victims of the most serious crime persistently targeted, vulnerable and intimidated. In addition, support should be made available for family members and bereaved family members
- Providing or commissioning support services for victims of sexual violence, domestic abuse and victims of child sexual abuse, and exploitation
- Provision of victim led, pre and post sentence restorative justice services
- Covering any associated costs linked to providing or commissioning support services
- Building the capacity and capability of the VCSE who are providing support services to victims of crime
- Ensure that all services provided or commissioned adhere to Article 8 of the EU Victims Directive e.g. free of charge, confidential and available whether the crime has been reported to the Police or not.
- The WMCSF places a new emphasis on force wide collaboration, sharing of best practice, avoiding duplication and achieving economies of scale. Funding must be spent in-year, with any underspend being properly reported, accounted for and a spending plan for the next financial year clearly outlined.
- The majority of CSF is to be spent on frontline service delivery. Any deviance from this requires a clear rationale about how the allocation will work towards reducing crime and improving community safety in a particular locality. CSF funding cannot be used to fund statutory services or staffing posts that other partner agencies are legally required to provide.

Violence Reduction Unit Funding:

- The Violence Reduction Unit takes a public health, multi-agency approach, bringing together police, local government, health, community leaders and other key partners to tackle violent crime and its underlying causes. They are responsible for identifying the drivers of serious violence locally and developing a coordinated response to tackle them.