

DECISION PAPER

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DATE: 9TH DECEMBER 2019

2019/12

TITLE: EARLY INTERVENTION YOUTH FUND-TWILIGHT PROJECT

REPORT BY: B.BISCOMB, PROCUREMENT AND COMMISSIONING LEAD.

Executive Summary

The PCC has been successful in securing funding from the Early Intervention Youth Fund in order to support the Twilight Project (based in Preston).

Recommendation

The Police and Crime Commissioner is asked to note and agree to the project delivery, and acceptance of up to £25,000 funding from the Home Office.

Signature

Police and Crime Commissioner

Date 16th December 2019

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1. Background and Advice

- 1.1. Twilight has been developed by Preston Vocational Centre in consultation with Preston Community Safety Partnership (CSP). Its objectives are to reduce young people's involvement in serious violence and criminal exploitation by engaging young people in positive activities. Positive outcomes will be achieved by developing their skills, increasing their confidence, motivation and employability and providing opportunities in chosen occupations.
- 1.2. There is also a community based element to Twilight which will see young people engaging with adults who have life and work skills to share as they work together on joint projects.
- 1.3. Twilight will receive referrals from the Genga (Serious Organised Crime) partnership as part of the Prevent and Protect measures to address serious and organised crim. Genga identified situations and circumstances where there is a risk of young people associating with organised crime groups or being at risk of becoming involved in criminal exploitation or serious violence.
- 1.4. Young people will attend Twilight sessions on two evenings per week and these will be structured to develop each young person's knowledge and skill in several trades, including plastering, brickwork, carpentry, joinery, painting and decorating.
- 1.5. Referrals to Twilight will enable effective programmes to be tailored to individual learning styles, including a wrap-around package of cognitive behavioural therapy and pastoral care.
- 1.6. The project will challenge perpetrators and explore what impact their actions have had on their victims in the context of organised crime.
- 1.7. The bid to the Early Intervention Youth Fund was successful in securing £24, 634.67 to be spent in the current financial year 2019/20.
- 1.8. In year monitoring information requirements are contained within Schedule 3
 Of the Home Office Grant Agreement and will focus on:
 - -the provision of positive diversion,
 - -numbers of young people attending the weekly Twilight sessions at Preston Vocational Centre
 - -the encouragement of engagement i.e. taster sessions
 - -improving critical thinking
 - -the incident rates of offending, anti-social behaviour, MFH, social care interventions, incidents of repeat exploitation or association with criminal and OCG associates.

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

2.1. The Twilight project directly supports the Police and Crime Commissioner's priorities of supporting vulnerable people and victims, and developing safe and confident communities.

3. Consultations

4. Implications

a) Legal – A signed grant agreement will be entered into between the PCC and the Home Office.

A further grant agreement will be entered into between the PCC and Preston City Council.

- **b) Financial -** The Home Office are funding the full costs of the project for the current financial year (as per the grant agreement). However, the PCC will be the accountable body.
- c) Equality Impact Assessment It is not considered that the proposals and subsequent project delivery of the Twilight Project will disproportionately affect any protected characteristics as defined in the Equality Act 2010.
- d) Data Protection Impact Assesment N/A

5. Risk Management

The PCC's grant terms and conditions will apply in respect of the payment to Preston City Council, and the OPCC will be bound by the terms and conditions of the Home Office grant agreement.

The PCC is the accountable body for the grant and must comply with the Home Office conditions.

6. Background Papers

None

7. Public access to information

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation.

Officer declaration	Date
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	, ,
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	AR
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above	
CONSULTATION - Not applicable	
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