



**Decision No 2013/35**

**REPORT TO:** POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE

**REPORT BY:** ROBERT RUSTON – PARTNERSHIPS OFFICER

**DATE:** 10 January 2014

**TITLE:** COMMUNITY SAFETY BUDGET 2013-14

Appendix A refers

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The Commissioner's Community Safety budget for 2013-14 includes £180,000 of general partnership funding not linked to the Home Office grant.
2. The fund is available to be used at the Commissioner's discretion for projects and initiatives that support the Commissioner's Aims and Priorities.
3. This Decision seeks to confirm the allocation of £105,000 as outlined in the attached Appendix
4. This Decision will leave a balance of £75,000 available for allocation by the Commissioner.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Commissioner is recommended to approve the proposed use of the Community Safety budget as outlined in Appendix A and to note the implications in respect of funding that could be available for future community safety activity.

#### **Decision taken by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire:**

| <b>Original decision, as set out in the attached report, approved without amendment (please delete as appropriate)</b> | <b>YES</b> | <b>NO</b> |
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**Original decision required to be amended and decision as detailed below:**

**The reasons for the amended decision are as detailed below:**

**Police and Crime Commissioner: Comments**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The PCC is asked to consider any personal / prejudicial interests he may have to disclose in relation to the matter under consideration in accordance with the law, the Nolan Principles and the Code of Conduct.

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation.

**Signed:** 

**Police and Crime Commissioner**

**Date:** 10.1.14 .

**Signed:** 

**Chief Officer:**

**Date:** 10.1.14

**Signed:**

**Chief Constable**

**Date:**

**Signed:**

**Chief Finance Officer:**

**Date:**



**Relates to Decision No DEL 2013/35**

**Appendix A**

**THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE**

**TITLE: COMMUNITY SAFETY FUND 2013-14 (6)**

**1. Background**

- 1.1 A number of principles were established with partners in discussions regarding the possible use of the Commissioner's Community Safety Fund and approved by the Commissioner in Decision 2012/17. The proposed use of the funding as detailed below is in line with these principles.
- 1.2 The Commissioner's Community Safety budget for 2013-14 includes £180,000 of general partnership funding not linked to the Home Office grant which is available to be used at the Commissioner's discretion for projects and initiatives that support his aims and priorities.

**2. Funding Proposals**

**2.1 AVERT PROJECT – Triage Scheme for Women Offenders**

The early stages of the Triage Scheme being piloted at Greenbank Police Station has indicated that demand is in excess of the resources provided by Lancashire Women's Centre and the PCC and additional funding is sought for a full time case worker.

The project will work to address underlying vulnerabilities which contribute to a women's pathway into offending and, by tackling them aim to play a key and early intervention role which will reduce their likelihood of re-offending.

Funding requested is £30,000 for a full time case worker post employed by Lancashire Women's Centres.

**Recommendation:**

That the Commissioner provide £30,000 funding to enable an additional worker to be employed by Lancashire Women's Centres.

That the Commissioner requests that Lancashire Women's Centres actively pursues other, longer term funding options for this project.

## 2.2 DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEWS (DHR)

Following discussions with the local authority Chief Executives it is proposed that the Commissioner develops a strategic support function in respect of Domestic Homicide Reviews.

Reviews require an independent chair to be appointed and need the support of a secretariat service to co-ordinate and author the review. Whilst each DHR is the responsibility of the respective Community Safety Partnership the provision of a central resource to fund and support would enable a more consistent approach with an improved opportunity to learn lessons from the reviews.

The average cost per DHR is around £10,000 with an average of 4 being undertaken each year in the pan-Lancashire area.

### **Recommendation:**

That the Commissioner provide an initial reserve of **£75,000** for DHRs with a provision to commit a further £25,000 - £30,000 on an annual basis, depending on the number of DHRs supported in any one year.

That the Commissioner consider the development of a support and co-ordinating role for DHRs to ensure a consistent approach, enabling lessons to be learned. Responsibility for initiating a DHR and final accountability would remain with the responsible CSP.

## 3. Implications:

3.1 This item has the following implications, as indicated:

- Approval of the use of the Community Safety budget as outlined above will provide support for the Commissioner's Aims and Priorities.
- Approval of the use of the Community Safety budget as outlined above will leave £75,000 available for allocation to other partnership and community safety projects.

## 4 Risk management

### 4.1 Reputational Risk

Non-approval of all or some of the use of the Community Safety Fund may result in damage to the reputation of the Commissioner.

### 4.2 Financial Risk

As this budget has been designated by the Commissioner for Partnership and Community Safety purposes there will be no risk to other areas of police funding.

### 4.3 Equality, Diversity and Human Rights

Partners use of the funding will be monitored to ensure that there are no risks for the Commissioners in regard to Equality, Diversity and Human Rights matters.

## 5. Public access to information

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

Any fact or advice that should not be made automatically available on request will not be included in Part I but instead as a Part II form.

Decisions will be available on the Police and Crime Commissioner's website within 2 working days of being approved.