# OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR HUMBERSIDE DECISION RECORD

Decision Record Number: 13/2013

Title: Funding of Partnerships - Catch 22

# **Executive Summary:**

To consider the allocation of funding for the provision of support services by Catch 22 in connection with the delivery of programmes and projects across the four Unitary Authority areas in 2013/14 using the grant approved on 20 February 2013.

#### Commissioner's Comments:

The Commissioner indicated that the brand of "Positive Lifestyles" should remain under the ownership of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside.

#### Decision:

That Catch 22 be awarded a grant of £29,066 to support the delivery of projects and programmes in each of the four Unitary Authority areas using the funding of £193,744 approved on 20 February 2013.

Background Report: Open

# Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct.

Any such interests are recorded below.

The above decision has my approval.

Signature Matthew Coron

Date 24.04.13

# POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR HUMBERSIDE

#### SUBMISSION FOR DECISION

#### OPEN

Title:

Funding of partnerships

Date:

24 April 2013

# 1. Executive Summary

To consider the allocation of funding for the provision of support services by Catch 22 in connection with the delivery of programmes and projects across the four Unitary Authority areas in 2013/14 using the grant approved on 20 February 2013.

#### 2. Recommendations

It is recommended that Catch 22 be awarded a grant of £29,066 to support the delivery of projects and programmes in each of the four Unitary Authority areas using the funding of £193,744 approved on 20 February 2013.

### 3. Background

Officers have now had further discussions with Catch 22 in response to the request for further information on the services needed to support the delivery of programmes and projects that will be funded by the £193,774 approved in February. This report provides details of what Catch 22 will provide for the £29,066 requested.

On 20 February 2013 you agreed to allocate £2,434,002, to a range of organisations that received funding direct from the Home Office last year, £2,316,000 of which came from the CSF and £118,002 from the Partnership Reserve. This meant that you were maintaining support to those organisations at the same level as in 2012/13. On 27 March you agreed that additional support of £129,235 would be provided to the Youth Offending Teams in the Force area but requested that further information be provided on a request from Catch 22 regarding funding for the provision of support services in connection with the delivery of the programmes previously delivered in the East Riding of Yorkshire, Hull and North Lincolnshire under the banner of "Positive Futures" which will be extended to all four Unitary Authority areas in 2013/14. Approving the extra funding for Catch 22 would

be consistent with providing support on a par with that received last year.

The Home Office allocated £5m in 2012/13, for Positive Futures with approximately £4.5m of this amount being spent on projects and around £500k for management costs. Catch 22 were responsible for managing the projects across the country. Locally the share of the management costs last year amounted to £38,755 but after revising their financial model, Catch 22 have indicated that the service could be provided for £29,066 in 2013/14, a reduction of 25%.

The support services aim to ensure efficient and effective management of the individual projects and include workforce development, performance management and evaluation, sharing best practice and quality assurance. In addition Catch 22 will also aim to make sure that the resources available are maximised, including seeking external funding and sponsorship, and to minimise administrative costs across multiple projects.

The following analysis of costs has been provided:-

Cost	£	Service/Activity			
Support Manager	15,066	Ongoing Project Support			
		Performance management			
		Development of Humber-wide Strategy			
		Development of North Bank and South Bank			
		delivery plans and steering groups			
		Learning and development			
		Development of a "Youth Delivery Board"			
Central Support	8,000	8,000 Business Development – new investment			
		Marketing and media support			
		Financial management and governance			
Monitoring and Evaluation	6,000	6,000 Use of VIEWS (Home Office system for recording			
		project outcomes)			
		Year end impact report preparation			
TOTAL	£29,066				

The involvement of Catch 22 will provide the basis for the development of a "single operating model" across the Force area, overseen by steering groups on the North and South Banks of the Humber. These groups would have representation from key stakeholders / funders as well as service providers.

The experience and expertise of Catch 22 will be an important factor in ensuring that the innovative efforts that have been proven to work over time can be successfully replicated elsewhere.

Support for the above activities which include elements of financial management and governance will help to avoid creating additional

bureaucracy within the OPCC in terms of administering the grant.

# 4. Options

You have the option to consider and approve or reject the request for funding for the provision of support services by Catch 22. There is a risk if the funding is not approved that the projects and programmes utilising the grant previously approved will not deliver the desired outcomes. Catch 22 have the experience, track record and contacts, including the local authorities, local professional clubs and the voluntary sector to enable a co-ordinated approach to the delivery of this particular aspect of youth diversionary activities across all four Unitary Authority areas.

If the arrangements are not administered by Catch 22 then this would place additional burdens on the OPCC, CSPs and local authorities in terms of administering and managing the grant.

#### 5. Risks

There are risks to the long term funding of all projects previously paid for from Home Office grants given the background of reducing resources and it is essential that we work with Catch 22 to identify a sustainable way forward for 2014/15 and later years.

# 6. Financial Implications

There is scope to meet these extra costs in 2013/14 from the Partnership Reserve. However, if this request is approved the costs will require an additional allocation to be made from the Reserve further limiting your options at this stage to fund other projects that might come forward later in the year. It would also restrict you in developing your own crime reduction and community safety initiatives as the year progresses.

The proposed arrangements with Catch 22 will provide opportunities to attract external funding to enhance the impact of funding that you have already approved. Potentially this would also help contribute to the long term sustainability of the projects and programmes that will be established in 2013/14. If approved, Catch 22 will be responsible for the financial administration of the total funding being provide by the PCC, £222,840, and for ensuring that expenditure is in accordance with the CSF grant conditions.

### 7. Legal Implications

There are no legal issues to consider, other than the pressure Catch 22 and its partners who may come under to meet contractual and employment

obligations.

# 8. Equalities Implications

There are no equality issues in the context of this report.

#### 9. Consultation

There have been discussions with all of the four local authorities and with the Force to determine what youth diversionary schemes are in place with a view to ensuring that the Catch 22 proposals complement existing schemes. Detailed conversations have been held, particularly with North Lincolnshire who have not had Positive Futures funding previously and the proposals have are supported by the Force's Youth Diversity Officer and the Development Manager (Sports & Arts) for the North East Lincolnshire Council who will have key roles to play in extending the current award winning activities to the whole of the South Bank.

#### 10. Media Information

Catch 22 will be responsible for the development of a Humber-wide Strategy and North Bank and South Bank delivery plans together with the promotion of a new brand, "Positive Lifestyles" has been suggested, linking the proposed programme of initiatives with other youth diversionary activities in the four Unitary Authority areas and with those operated by the Force.

## 11. Background/Supporting Papers:

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