

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

Decision Record Number: **21/2013**

Title: **Community Safety Funding/Partnership Reserve**

**Executive Summary:**

The report provides an update on the latest position with regard to the funding allocations to Community Safety Partners in 2013/14 and on the amounts remaining available in the Partnership Reserve and seeks formal approval to the grant awards.

**Commissioner Comments:**

The Commissioner noted the position set out in the report and that the first quarter payments would be made to the external organisations involved on 28.06.13.

**Decision:**

- (a) That the allocation of funding to Community Safety Partners in 2013/14 be approved, and
- (b) That the position statement in respect of funding for partners and balance available in the Partnership Reserve be noted.

**Background Report:** Open

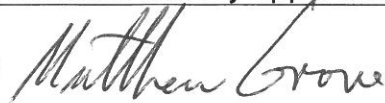
**Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside**

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



Date **26.06.13**

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER  
FOR HUMBERSIDE**

**SUBMISSION FOR DECISION**

**OPEN**

**Title:** Community Safety Funding/Partnership Reserve

**Date:** 26 June 2013

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**1. Executive Summary**

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**2. Recommendation**

- a) The allocation of funding to Community Safety Partners in 2013/14 be approved and
- b) The position statement in respect of funding for partners and balance available in the Partnership Reserve be noted.

**3. Background**

In finalising the budget for 2012/13 in the context of the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2012/13- 2016/17, the Police Authority acknowledged that there would be changes to funding from the Home Office for Community Safety from 1 April 2013. It was recognised that this would potentially put pressure on partnership working and on the incoming PCC. That being the case, it was agreed that the Partnership Reserve should be increased to £1m with effect from 1 April 2013.

During 2012/13 the Police Authority agreed to support a number of initiatives with allocations from this Reserve. These included a series of projects to support local initiatives to tackle alcohol problems in each of the four unitary authority areas within Humberside. Funding was also provided on a one year only basis to top up support from the Force for the Local Criminal Justice Board and to support the Minerva offender management project based at Hull Prison.

Following a late Government announcement that in 2012/13 it would receive the grant previously paid direct to the four Youth Offending

Teams (YOTs) in the Force area, in March 2012, the Authority agreed to passport the grant straight across to these organisations.

Details of the allocations agreed by the Police Authority in 2012/13 from the Partnership Reserve were as follows-

Partnership Reserve Allocation		Total
	£	£
LCJB		28,897
Minerva		80,718
Alcohol Projects		
- East Riding	60,000	
- Hull	70,000	
- North East Lincs	92,000	
- North Lincs*	-	
		222,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>331,615</b>
<i>* North Lincs were allocated £66,000 but this was not taken up</i>		

As part of the grant settlement for 2013/14 the Home Office announced that a range of grant regimes totalling £123m would cease at 31 March 2013. At the same time, Police and Crime Commissioners were told that they would receive a share of a new grant from a new fund, the Community Safety Fund (CSF) which totalled £90m. The allocation for the PCC for Humberside for 2013/14 from this Fund was confirmed as £2.316m. Details of the grants received by local partners in 2012/13 from the Home Office were set out in the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) that supported your precept recommendation.

Following meetings with key partners, you made a series of decisions agreeing allocations for 2013/14. The aim of this approach was to maintain support for partners at the same level as the grant that they had received direct from the Home Office in 2012/13.

To achieve this there was a requirement to top up the funding from the CSF with monies from the Partnership Reserve.

Initial decisions were based on information set out in the MTFS but allocations had to be increased following the receipt of additional information from the Home Office and Ministry of Justice with additional funding being agreed for the Youth Offending teams (YOTs) and for Positive Futures.

It was identified that YOTs received funding from the Ministry of Justice equivalent to the amount allocated to police authorities in 2012/13. As a result it was necessary to double the amount received passported

last year, £129,235, to enable them to function at the same level in 2013/14.

Further discussions with Catch 22, who had delivered the national Positive Futures programme in 2012/13, resulted in a decision to support them to the same level as in 2012/13 for programmes and projects, subject to projects being delivered across the whole of the Force area. In the last financial year, programmes were only delivered in the East Riding, Hull and North East Lincolnshire. It was also agreed that funding would be provided for Catch 22 to meet the costs of the necessary support services to deliver the activities on the ground. In future this programme will deliver projects under the banner of "Positive Lifestyles". This branding will continue to be owned by the PCC.

You agreed that staff of the OPCC would examine the spending in 2012/13 to determine what this had delivered in order to provide assurance that the funding had been effective. This would also establish base data on which to ensure that spending in 2013/14 produces outcomes that provide value for money in supporting the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan.

Following Paul Wainwright's initial round of meetings with the organisations being supported to gain assurance that the initiatives being undertaken are effective, it is considered appropriate to advance the first tranche of monies for the current year to cover costs in the first quarter of 2013/14. As a result, agreements are in the process of being finalised in connection with the grant awards to enable these payments to be made at the end of June 2013.

The OPCC will continue to work with partners to develop appropriate routine assurance processes in connection with their supported activities, including financial reporting. This is required to support claims to Government for grant payments. This has to be done on a quarterly basis.

The allocations agreed by the PCC are set out below:-

Grant Allocations	2013/14	
	£	£
Drug Intervention Programmes		
- East Riding	70,030	
- Hull	462,476	
- North East Lincolnshire	291,024	
- North Lincolnshire	187,666	

		1,011,196
Drug Testing on Arrest		562,023
Community Safety Partnerships		
- East Riding	114,430	
- Hull	223,034	
- North East Lincolnshire	112,687	
- North Lincolnshire	87,623	
		537,774
Youth Offending Teams		
- East Riding	53,648	
- Hull	91,124	
- North East Lincolnshire	57,536	
- North Lincolnshire	56,162	
		258,470
Positive Futures*		
- Projects	193,774	
- Support services	29,066	
		222,840
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,592,303</b>

<b>The above allocations are funded as follows:</b>		<b>£</b>
Community Safety Fund		2,316,000
Partnership Reserve		276,303
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,592,303</b>
*This programme will be delivered in future as "Positive Lifestyles" by Catch 22		

#### 4. Partnership Reserve

After taking account of the provisional outturn for 2012/13, the commitments in respect the decisions of the Police Authority extending into 2013/14 and your decisions to date the balance of funding available in the Partnership Reserve is as follows:-

Allocations to support grants	2012/13	2013/14
	£	£
Balance at 1 April	1,000,000	759,885
- Ongoing Commitments	240,115	91,500
Sub- Total	<b>759,885</b>	<b>668,385</b>

-	PCC Allocations	-	276,303
	<b>Balance Available</b>	<b>759,885</b>	<b>392,082</b>

A separate report has been submitted to you in connection with the proposed OPCC budget for 2013/14 which makes reference to options to top up the Partnership Reserve with budget provision that is so far unallocated. That report also comments on the possibility of transferring monies from the underspend in 2012/13 to the Partnership Reserve. No assumptions have been made in this report to increase the funds available within this Reserve from these sources.

## **5. Options**

The report does not contain options as it is a position statement and reflects the decisions in principle that you have already made.

Options to divert monies from the proposed OPCC budget and/or from the underspend in 2012/13 to increase the level of funds within the Partnership Reserve are set out in a separate report.

## **6. Risks**

The Partnership Reserve was created specifically to mitigate the risks associated with the loss of funding for partnership working available to the Force and community safety partners.

Clearly in the context of the increasing financial pressure on budget for 2013/14 and later years the limited resources in the Partnership Reserve must be used wisely as they can only be used once.

## **7. Financial Implications**

The financial implications are set out in the report.

## **8. Legal Implications**

There are no immediate legal issues arising from this report.

## **9. Equalities Implications**

There are no specific equality implications arising from this report.

## **10. Consultation**

Proposals to identify funding for Community Safety and Crime Reduction grants were included in the PCC's manifesto. These were discussed during the election campaign.

Consultation meetings have taken place with community safety partners individually and collectively since the date you took office to inform decisions on funding allocations.

Regular meetings are held with the Force to consider financial matters, including partnership activities.

**11. Media information**

All decisions in respect of Community Safety Funding and partnership support will generate significant interest due to the sensitivity of cutbacks in the level of service provision and the potential risks relating to loss of jobs.

**12. Background documents**

Humberside Police Authority – Resources Committee 12 July 2011  
Budget and MTFs – February 2012  
Partnership Reserve Reports to the Police Authority  
Partnership Reserve Reports to the Police Authority  
Budget Monitoring Reports 2012/13  
PCC Decisions 5/2013, 10/2013 and 13/2013

**13. Publication**

N/A

