

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

Decision Record Number: **4/2014**

Title: **Hull FC Community Foundation – Raising Your Game**

Executive Summary:

The Commissioner was requested to authorise a funding bid received from the Hull FC Community Foundation for Youth Engagement in connection with the “Raising Your Game” initiative.

Commissioner Comments:

It was agreed in December 2013 that this scheme should be progressed. This proposal is to agree to contribute to a 12 month initiative which aims to support young people by involving them in positive activities that reduce the likelihood of them becoming engaged in crime related activities and to increase the number of young aged 16-24 moving back into accredited education or employment. The total value of the project will be £27,600, of which £6,000 is in kind mentoring support, and the Commissioner’s financial contribution will be fully match funded.

Decision:

That funding of £10,800 be awarded to the Hull FC Community Foundations – Raising Your Game initiative for 2014.

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 11.02.14

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMBERSIDE**

SUBMISSION FOR DECISION

Title: Hull FC Community Foundation – Raising Your Game

Date: 11 February 2014

1. Executive Summary

The Police and Crime Plan make it clear that there is a need to focus on getting upstream of crime and this project aims to support young people to enable them to take part in positive activities to reduce the likelihood of them engaging in crime related activities and to provide opportunities for them to get into accredited education or employment. This is a mentoring initiative with a total cost of £27,600, which includes £6,000 in kind support, and the financial contribution requested from the Commissioner is full match funded.

2. Recommendation

That funding of £10,800 be awarded to the Hull FC Community Foundations – Raising Your Game initiative for 2014.

3. Background

Following a visit in 2013 you were provided with background to the work of the Hull FC Community Foundation which is a local charity that delivers community focused programmes across the Humber region. The programmes engage people of all ages in Education, Health, Local Community, and Sport activities and attract over 30, 000 people annually. The activities are branded with the association with Hull FC, ensuring that the presence is seen across the Hull and wider Humber region.

‘Raise your Game’ is about working with young people who are at risk of becoming an offender or already have a conviction, with the aim of reducing crime and protecting the public as a contribution to the community safety agenda.

Over the last 18 months, a range of pilot work has been directed towards the broad social inclusion agenda, focusing specifically on how sport provision can be used to provide positive activities in areas of high deprivation. As an advancement of this work, the development of the FC Learning Centre has offered a route into education and employment for young people aged 16 – 18, previously classed as NEET, to complete accredited qualification in sports, employability and functional skills.

The ‘Hub in YOUR Community’ was established as a £50,000 multi-agency rugby league initiative focusing on the social inclusion agenda for young

people aged 11 – 25. It is supported by Veolia Servies, Hull City Council, StreetGames, the Rank Foundation, and WoodenSpoon.

A successful pilot operated between October 12 and March 2013, following which the Hull FC Community Foundation fully launched the 'Hub in your Community' programme in April 2013 as a daily sports initiative that delivered multi-sport opportunities between 7 and 9pm each evening across the most socio deprived areas of the city of Hull.

The Hull FC Community Foundation have identified through the "Hub" that sport can be used as an effective means to engage young people in positive activity. A number of the young people engaged have a history of involvement in low level crime, anti-social behaviour activity and substance / alcohol misuse and are not engaged in any form of education or employment. They have perceived barriers which prevent them from coming out of their comfort, benefit led system.

Whilst success was achieved in engaging a number of young people into the FC Learning Centre programme, a need for a mentoring initiative was identified. Mentoring using trained staff and the brand profile of Hull FC outside of the 'Hub in your Community' session times, aims to provide additional support to targeted individuals with life choices, aspirations, goals, employment and further education. Under the proposed initiative, mentoring would last for up to a year period and involve an initial bi-weekly meeting for the first 6 months. A further aim is to develop peer mentoring.

Through a specific targeting policy working with Humberside Police and CitySafe the programme will be directed towards:

- Identified young people attending 'Hub in your Community' sessions;
- Targeting those identified with drugs, alcohol, mental health, or anti social behaviour issues working with other third sector organisations and
- Focused outreach work with partners to other young people in the City who may benefit.

In addition to the objectives of supporting young people to engage in positive activities that reduce the likelihood of them engaging in crime related activities and increasing the number of young people aged 16 – 24 getting back into accredited education or employment the initiative will also lead to healthier lifestyles as well as providing opportunities for physical activity and informal training.

The Hull FC Community Foundation will adopt a multi partnership approach to assess how the individuals that access Raise your Game develop. Each participant will have an individual development plan with key targets and progress will be monitored against these plans. This work will include feedback from other support agencies involved with the individual. A key success indicator will also be in preventing reoffending and ensuring positive progression/retention for the individual in employment or education

The Foundation has an excellent relationship with Catch 22 and will ensure this programme connects with theirs and importantly with Positive Lifestyle activities and will involve other organisations so that they can be linked in and refer individuals.

As a result of the expansion of the project, two members of staff will be responsible for the project's delivery, one specialising on working with partners and recruitment and the second on delivering the mentoring aspect. Progression will be guided by the FC Learning Centre staff who are trained in working with young people and offering independent advice and guidance.

As indicated above, the Hull FC Community Foundation will work with Catch 22. It will also work with other partners including the police and the local Youth Offending Teams.

4. Options

The options are either to support the proposed initiative or to decline to fund it.

The preferred option is to support the proposal as it is in keeping with your objective of supporting initiatives that get upstream of crime. It builds on work that has already been piloted successfully and supports the delivery of a key element of your Police and Crime Plan. The scheme has also attracted match funding and in kind support to maximise its impact within the community.

5. Risks

There is a risk that the project will not be successful but this is mitigated by the fact that work has already been undertaken with a successful pilot scheme within the community to identify the need for and prove the benefits of this initiative.

There is a risk that there will be duplication with other initiatives but the Hull FC Community Foundation is already working in this field and has good links with Catch 22, with the Youth Offending Teams and with the Police.

There is a risk that the project will not be sustainable but in addition to seeking additional external funding support, the Foundation will look to take key lessons learned and processes from the project into its mainstream FC Learning Centre provision to widen its with young people. In addition work will be undertaken with a specialist grant expert to target investment through charitable foundations.

6. Financial Implications

The Hull FC Community Foundation has provided the following information on the costs and financing of the project:-

Expenditure	Amount £	Financing	Amount £
Revenue		Organisation	
Staff Time	15, 000	Sponsorship	10,800
Travel / Meeting Costs	800	In kind support	6,000
Resource Costs	1,500		
Individual Support Fund Per Person (£50pp)	1,200	Funding requested from the PCC	10,800
Mentor	6,000		
Management Cost	3, 100		
TOTAL	27,600	TOTAL	27,600

7. Legal Implications

The Commissioner can make Crime and Disorder Reduction grants if he feels that it will secure, or contribute to securing reductions in crime and disorder in the area and assist in the delivery of his Police and Crime Plan.

8. Equalities Implications

If approved a legal agreement will be put place in connection with the award of this funding that includes conditions to ensure that the use of volunteers and activities funded by the Commissioner meet all legal requirements in relation to equalities issues.

9. Consultation

Consultation has taken place with the Hull FC Community Foundation on the development of the proposal.

10. Media information

Work could be undertaken to highlight this initiative in conjunction with the Hull FC Community Foundation.

11. Background documents

JB/File ref:- Hull FC Community Foundation

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