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Community Safety Partnership

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SUBJECT: To report on the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership (WSCSP)
progress on the projects funded through the Police and Crime Commissioner.

SUMMARY: The WSCSP has agreed 5 priorities for 2013/14 based on the
recommendations in the annual strategic assessment, which also take account of the Police
and Crime Plan (Pg 3). The partnership has been allocated £72,238.27 from the PCC to
commission projects which deliver against the priorities of both the CSP and those of the
Police and Crime Plan.

This report provides the panel with an overview of projects commissioned during Q1 – Q3
and their progress to date, including evidential data to show an impact within a certain area.
Information on the partnership projects can be found within the body of the report as well as
APPENDIX A (Partnership Action Plan) and APPENDIX B (Partnership budget profile).

The WSCSP continues to monitor the projects as they progress and quarterly updates are
submitted to the Officer Working Group as well as an opportunity for scrutiny through the
Responsible Authorities Group.

This report also outlines the steps taken by the WSCSP to address those areas requiring
more support and also a funding profile of unspent funding.

The WSCSP are also key partners in a number of initiatives (continuation or
implementation), although not directly funded through the WSCSP these are detailed in
APPENDIX C

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Accountability and Performance Panel note the information in
this report and endorse the progress made to date.

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

The WSCSP have a good track record on commissioning and delivering projects to contribute to reducing crime and making Suffolk safer. Priority areas have been identified through the Strategic Assessment process and the WSCSP Partnership Plan 2013/14 was produced and published.

A commissioning pack for agencies (public, private and voluntary) has been produced allowing any agency or group the opportunity to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) with the WSCSP to achieve our priorities. The pack identifies the measurable outcomes that are expected should the WSCSP award funds and what outcomes are expected to be delivered.

The WSCSP has made attempts to ensure the EOI process is as simple as possible, however ensuring the projects are monitored robustly to ensure success. Each EOI to the WSCSP is initially considered by the Officer Working Group who decides if the EOI meets the priorities set out by the WSCSP Partnership Plan and is realistic in what it claims it can achieve, represents good value for money and that the required progress reporting requirements will be met.

As part of monitoring and evaluation, each project will need to set clear objectives/targets which will be evaluated on a quarterly basis, the project will also be evaluated on whether the outcomes have had an impact on reducing crime. The WSCSP has discretion to ask for additional outcomes/targets dependant on the application.

Before any EOI submitted to the WSCSP is considered, it is made clear (within the commissioning pack) that any expression must meet the priorities of the West CSP and the PCC's Police and Crime Plan:

Priorities for WSCSP: 2013/14

Theme One: Sustaining a Safer Night Time Economy:

- Reduction in violence in a public place associated with alcohol
- Reduction in Anti Social Behaviour associated with alcohol
- Reduction in Criminal Damage and Public Order

Theme Two: Anti Social Behaviour:

- Reduce reports of Anti Social Behaviour involving young people
- Improve the way young people are perceived
- Reduce criminal damage where young people are the offenders

Theme Three: Domestic Abuse:

- Reduce Domestic Abuse by raising awareness
- Increasing support for victims
- Work with perpetrators

Theme Four: Substance Misuse:

- Increase awareness and understanding of substance misuse
- Reduce illegal drug and harmful alcohol use in the most deprived areas
- Promote and support recovery

Theme Five: Emerging Crime:

- Tackle short term issues not included in the Strategic Assessment

- Support Safer Neighbourhood Teams and Operational Partnership Teams with priorities raised/identified by the engagement process.

The PCC Police and Crime Priorities: Objective 3 and 4 relate to wider community safety as follows

- Reduce Re-offending
- Prevent the damaging effects of drugs and alcohol on lives, crime levels and the night-time economy
- Support Families
- Provide high quality services to victims
- Tackle domestic and sexual abuse
- Create a safer environment for road users
- Support crime prevention activity
- Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
- Engage with businesses to reduce business crime
- Improve trust and confidence in the criminal justice system.

The following EOIs have been submitted to the WSCSP and have been granted funding and should therefore be considered by the Panel:

SCC: Trading Standards Test Purchasing Operations: Awarded £4,000. *(This EOI supported: WSCSP Theme 1: Priority 2, Theme 2: Priority 1, 2 and 3 and PCC Priority 8)*

Quarterly Updates can be found in APPENDIX A and APPENDIX B

Catch 22: Mediation: Awarded £3,500 *(This EOI supported: WSCSP Theme 2: Priority 1 and 3, Theme 5: Priority 2 and PCC Priority 3 and 8).*

Quarterly Updates can be found in APPENDIX A and APPENDIX B

West Suffolk Domestic Abuse Forum: Victim Support (personal alarms): Awarded £378. *(This EOI supported: WSCSP Theme 3: Priority 2 and PCC Priority 4 and 5).*

Quarterly Updates can be found in APPENDIX A and APPENDIX B

Suffolk Police: Police Cadet Scheme: Awarded £2,000. *(This EOI supported: WSCSP Theme 2: Priority 1, 2 and 3, Theme 5: Priority 2 and PCC Priority 8)*

Quarterly Updates can be found in APPENDIX A and APPENDIX B

Catch 22: Tainted Love: Awarded £4,500. *(This EOI supported: WSCSP Theme 3: Priority 1 & 2 and PCC Priority 3, 4 and 5)*

Liz Jenkins: Brandon Freedom Programme: Awarded £1,500. *(This EOI supported: WSCSP Theme 3: Priority 1 & 2 and PCC Priority 3, 4 and 5)*

A need for victim support within Brandon was identified by the WS Domestic Abuse Forum and an EOI was submitted by a member of the forum. Work is now ongoing to establish trained facilitators who can work alongside Liz Jenkins (who is also trained) and deliver the Freedom Programme in Brandon with a launch date of January 2014.

St Marys COE Primary School, Mildenhall: Diversionary Activities: Awarded £3,500

(This EOI supported: WSCSP Theme 2: Priority 1, 2 and 3 and PCC Priority 3, 7 and 8)

Safer Neighbourhood Team figures indicated a rise in ASB during key school holiday times. The partnership has been approached by the Governors of a primary school in Mildenhall in relation to utilising the school grounds during the holidays to provide family led activities. This summer they held a pilot (evaluation in process) and the hope is for communities to see schools as assets within their neighbourhoods that are not used 12 weeks of the year. If successful it is hoped to highlight the project and try to encourage other schools to have similar programmes.

The above list indicates the financial support to date from the WSCSP, however the partnership are also key partners in a number of initiatives (continuation or implementation), although not directly funded through the WSCSP these are detailed in Appendix C.

A total of £19,378 has been allocated and at the last officer working group the members identified the following priorities to concentrate on:

- 1) Perception of Young People
- 2) Substance Misuse Recovery

It was agreed that a proportion of the remaining funding be profiled for allocation and the Community Safety Officer is preparing a brief which will be sent to partners who may wish to submit an expression of interest to the partnership.

The funding has been profiled as follows:

Perception of Young People: £10,000 with the following partners being contacted: Catch 22, Anglia Care Trust, Community Action Suffolk, Suffolk Family Focus and Youth Offending Service.

Substance Misuse Recovery: £25,000 with the following partners already discussing a number of projects including a pilot art project/recovery choir project and a recovery café.

The partnership has been approached by partners across West Suffolk in respect of the Caring Dads project and the roll out within our area and the Officer Working Group has profiled £10,000 that could be available to this project.

The partnership has also been approached by partners for support towards Best Bar None, Reduce the Strength and tackling Night Time Economy issues – these have not been formal expressions of interest at this stage.

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

At this stage only 27% of the funding has been allocated to partners, however a further 62% has been profiled against the main issues highlighted through the Officer Working Group. It has also been agreed that a partner's day will be held in early January to highlight the partnership priorities and whether there are further partners within West Suffolk that can assist with the issues.

In terms of the funding itself the funding is held centrally by St Edmundsbury BC who acts as banker for the partnership. For auditing purposes all EOI must be signed and agree the SLA which includes terms of monitoring and evaluation. In terms of funding any EOI under £5,000 it can be considered and agreed by the Officer Working Group, £5,001 - £10,000 needs consent of the chair and vice chair of WSCSP and any EOI over £10,000 must be presented to the WSCSP Responsible Authorities Group.

3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

The main risk identified by the partnership is the unallocated funding that is being experienced this year. The partnership ask that the PCC note that a substantial amount of work has gone into profiling the need against the spend and that work is continuing to identify priority areas to ensure funding is spent in appropriate areas of concern for maximum benefit.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	N/A
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	N/A
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes
Have human resource implications been considered?	Yes
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	Yes
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	Yes
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	Yes
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	Yes