

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE DECISION RECORD

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DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Date: 23.2.15

Officers present: HELEN KING, CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

Received in OPCC Date: 14th January 2015

OPCC Ref: EXE 0002/15

Title: Transfer of Funding to Victims and Witnesses Practical Support

Summary of Issue:

At the Strategic Assurance Board, a joint report of the Deputy Chief Constable and Chief Finance Officer was considered. This report detailed a proposal to transfer £90,000 out of the Police Property Act balance to support the Victims and Witnesses Commissioning for Practical Support - Target Hardening in 15/16 and 16/17 (allocating £45K in each year).

This will increase the annual budget for Practical Support from £45K to £90K in each year.

The proposal received full support of both the force Chief Officer Team and the OPCC Senior Management Team at the Strategic Assurance Board on the 14/1/15.

Recommendations presented:

That £90K be transferred from the Police Property Act Balance and added to the Victims and Witnesses Practical Support Commissioning Budget for the years 15/16 and 16/17.

Key discussion points at meeting

This transfer will support the direction and services provided by the new Victim First arrangements and enable the commissioning capacity in this area to be increased which will make a difference to the most vulnerable in our society.

It was resolved that :

The transfer of £90,000 is formally approved.

OFFICE OF PCC APPROVAL

Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer:

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner

Signature



Name Helen King

Date: 17th February 2015

Publication Scheme

Decision of Monitoring Officer:

As Monitoring Officer for the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire I have determined that :

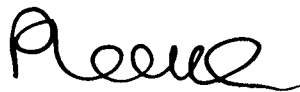
It is appropriate to publish this record of decision made by the Police and Crime Commissioner : **Yes**

It is appropriate to publish the contents of the assessment of the decision by either of the senior post holders in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire (i.e. either the Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer) : **Yes**

It is appropriate to publish details of the decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire : **Yes**

Reasons for any non Publication (referencing appropriate legislation):

Signature



Name Paul Stock

Date: 17th February 2015

Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire

Having received the advice set out above and reviewed relevant documentation my decision in regard of this matter is:

Supported / Not-Supported

Signature



Date

23/2/15.

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE STRATEGIC ASSURANCE BOARD

Report of CHIEF CONSTABLE / OPCC
Subject POLICE PROPERTY ACT
Date WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY 2015 - 2.00 pm
Author : DCC SIMON EDENS / HELEN KING

Purpose of Report

1. This report provides a proposal for the PCC and CC to increase to Victim and Witness Commissioning Resources from the Police Property Act Fund.

Recommendation

2. The following is recommended:
 - The PCC and CC agree that £90K of the Police Property Act is ring fenced and used to match fund by £45,000 in each of the years 2015/16 and 2016/17.
 - Use of the resources in this way would enable commissioning capacity of £90k per year (£180k over 2 years) which will make a difference to the most vulnerable in our society and give a good minimum level of service provision. CSPs can also then choose to locally support additionally through their delivery plans.

The value of the Police Property Act fund will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

- Should the recommendation be approved, the OPCC CFO will produce a decision record and action the necessary transfer of resources.

Current Status

3. The Transfer to PCCs for V&W Commissioning will take place by 1/4/15.

In Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland, the arrangements are well progressed for victims and witnesses and one element to be commissioned relates to practical support such as target hardening for vulnerable victims for which the sum of £45K has been ring fenced in existing plans.

Discussions with Simon Edens, DCC have taken place regarding the ring fence and have included consideration as to whether the ring fence could be

increased further by utilising some of the resources held within the Police Property Act fund.

This paper summarises those discussions and submits a joint recommendation by the DCC and the OPCC CFO.

Police Property Act Fund

4. This fund is held by all forces and PCCs and relates to income generated from sale of uncollected property in line with national and local regulations and guidelines.

These funds have historically been awarded to charitable and other similar organisations, which in the main do not have the capacity or resources to bid for larger sums. Typically they are small in value (often £500) and the fund has specific criteria.

As at the 31/12/14, the following information is available in respect of the PPAAct:

- Balance is £146k
- £101k was carried forward at the beginning of the year
- Income April to December (9m) amounted to just under £20k (excl one one off receipt)
- Donations made and costs of sale April to December 2014 were £27k

The Future

5. There are sufficient resources to enable a match funding approach for V&W which enable funding to remain within the PPAAct for smaller local awards.

It is proposed the fund is used taking into account the following considerations:

Leave enough funds in the PPA to enable donations still to be made for organisations that do not have the resilience and capacity to bid for OPCC or other pots of money with lots of requirements they bring.

Share the recent allocations of 2015/16 PCC funding grants and commissioning framework grants with the DCC to inform future PPA donations or provide opportunity for match funding to worthy causes.

Work has not yet been concluded on CSP delivery plans but in 14/15, of the 400k which goes to CSPs, an element was used for target hardening based on local needs.

It would be preferable to commit to more than one year's funding (ideally to match the PCC's Police and Crime Plan over 2 years) in line with the existing plan and commissioning framework.

The level of funding would be reviewed in line with the commissioning framework for 2017/18 and beyond and ongoing requirements built in. This would include consideration of the Police Property Act where appropriate

This proposal would enable increased capacity for V&W whilst providing the opportunity to still fund local requests and initiatives. Resources in the fund will be rebalanced to 2/3 commissioning, 1/3 local funding and support.

Implications

Financial:

This proposal redistributes resources from the brought forward balance in the Police Property Act to match fund practical support for Victims and Witness commissioning.

Legal:

No legal implications have been identified.

Equality Impact Assessment:

The Police and Crime Plan and Commissioning Framework have had an equality impact assessment.

Risks and Impact:

There are no additional risks associated with this report.

Link to Police and Crime Plan:

This proposal aligns fully with the priorities identified in the Police and Crime Plan.

List of Attachments / Appendices

Background Papers

None other than already published nationally.

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