

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE *DECISION RECORD*

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DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Date: 31/03/2023

Officers present: Lily Thorne, James O'Connell, Chief Inspector Nicola Streets, Andy Champness

Received in OPCC Date:

OPCC Ref: EXE0011-23

Title: People Zones Round 1 New Parks Successful Bids

Summary of Issue:

People Zones are locations with a boundary attached, that has been identified through crime and public health data. People Zones follow an Asset Based Community Development approach, which focuses on highlighting what assets are in the area and how we can help communities to build upon and enhance them. The hope is to empower residents and workers to work collaboratively to become a stronger, safer, and self-sustaining community. To be eligible to apply for People Zone funding, applicants must be living, working, or providing a service within a People Zone, and the project must meet one or more of the themes identified within the People Zones research report. This decision relates to the second round of funding of 2023, ring fenced for the New Parks people zone.

The New Parks funding round opened on 13/02/2023 and closed on 13/03/2023. 8 applications were submitted during this time. 1 application was submitted after the deadline and was excluded from the round. Community Development Officers Lily Thorne and James O'Connell individually marked each application during the period 14/03/2023 - 16/03/2023, and then moderated their scores on 17/03/2023 under the supervision of Kaitlin Trenerry, Commissioning and Contracts Officer. 6 applications were approved and 3 were unsuccessful.

The PCC approved to fund 6 bids in this round. This equates to a funding commitment of £38,277.06.

Recommendation(s) presented:

Organisation	Name of project	Project brief	Geographical area	Amount of funding
Leicester West Circuit	New Parks Men's Shed	Provide a safe, welcoming, inclusive space to benefit both wellbeing and mental health of the local community. Aim to work with men and possibly some women also, who have mental health issues, other health problems, feel lonely,	New Parks People Zone	£4,889.08

		isolated, and possibly suicidal, as well as those who constantly struggle to find suitable work.		
GNR8	Easter Camp	Provide a multi-sport camp during the Easter holidays for young people from the New Parks area aged 6-16. Will be free for low-income families and will help support young people's health and wellbeing, as well as act as diversionary activity for those at risk of engaging in Crime and ASB.	New Parks People Zone	£3,920
GNR8	Open Gym	Look to improve health and wellbeing in the New Parks Community by offering open access fitness/gym sessions for adults free of charge. Will provide a safe and supportive space to exercise, work on physical and mental health and help the residents to come together and support one another.	New Parks People Zone	£5,680
New Parks Adventure Playground	Venny Social Spot	ASB is one of biggest concerns according to the PZ research report. Believe many young people are exposed to Crime and ASB in the area and then replicate it themselves. Plan is to reduce ASB by providing a safe space for young people to get away from negative influences and offer them new activities, opportunities, and workshops to encourage engagement from new and existing attendees of The Venny.	New Parks People Zone	£9,135
White House Allotments	White House Garden Project	Provide a welcoming environment, give people a purpose and make them feel valued. Give people access to allotment space to grow their own healthy food - fruit and vegetables. Ensure they have access to nutritious food they would not normally be able to afford and show them how to manage their own plot going forward. Offer support to people of all ages, provide a listening ear and support people with their struggles such as mental health, physical health, drug, and alcohol addiction etc. Overall aim to teach people new skills and help people live a more positive life.	New Parks People Zone	£9,756.98

Ihya al Uloom	An Nakhlah Academy	Provide religious education to young people, with a strong focus on being good citizens and refraining from anti-social behaviour. Provide diversionary activity, encourage young people to contribute to their community and give them the opportunity to voice their goals and aspirations.	New Parks People Zone	£4,896
				<u>£38,277.06</u>

Key discussion points

All bid applications were discussed in detail with the final decision on all bids made by the PCC.

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: Kira Hughes

Date: 31st March 2023

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 report proposing this course of action prepared 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): None

Signature:

Name: Andy Champness

Date: 31st March 2023

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**

Signature

Name: DPCC Rani Mahal

Date: 31 March 2023