



SaferMK Partnership Decision Report

**Subject: Police and Crime Commissioner; Community Safety
Fund Allocation 2017/18**

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1. **Purpose of report – Please mark (X) the boxes that are relevant to the report**

SAFERMK PRIORITIES

- Improving road safety by reducing the number of accidents and the severity of the collisions to individuals.
- Reducing the number of violent incidences
- Tackling and enforcing substance misuse
- Enhance community engagement to reduce fear of crime

OTHER STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Anti-Social Behaviour Reducing Reoffending
- Prevent Police and Crime Commissioner Priority
- An item under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 that supports the delivery of crime reduction and addressing community safety concerns (please state below)

1.1 Brief introduction

1.2 To update the SaferMK Partnership on the local allocation of the Community Safety Fund (CSF) 2017/18 from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).

1.3 Final allocations will be sent to the local authority in January 2017.

- 1.4 In the summer of 2016 the PCC conducted a funding consultation in which a number of areas were explored regarding future funding allocation from the PCC.
- 1.5 A letter (see Annex) provided to Milton Keynes Council states that following the conclusion of the consultation that he agreed to the status quo approach put forward by most Councils. However the PCC will keep 10% of the overall fund allocation for wider commissioning and other grant opportunities across the Thames Valley area.
- 1.6 A review has been conducted on previous uses of the fund to ensure a cost effective approach to the CSF use.
- 1.7 The proposal for 2017/18 is to maintain commitment to previous funding agreements, although depending on the final amount contribution to some services may take a larger reduction than the overall reduction to the CSF grant.
- 1.8 There has not been a suitable request or project for allocations to change from its original proposal in March 2015.
- 1.9 Approximate contributions have been set out below for 2016/17:

Activity	Contribution
Contribution towards Commissioned Domestic Violence service, includes £20k for IDVA as part of Home Office agreement 2015/17	£40,000
Adult Drug Commissioned services	£53,000
Joint Agency Tasking and Coordination (JATAC) - Available throughout year for crime and community safety initiatives, including PCC priorities and local priorities and other preventative activities.	£20,000
Youth Offending team (combined contribution from previous PCC and Chief Constable grant)	£143,000
Prevent Agenda	£10,000
Social Behaviour Group (including contribution towards Victim Counselling Service and Community mediation)	£15,000
Reducing Reoffending Group	£10,000
Safer Neighbourhoods Group	£2,400

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Community Safety Fund allocation for 2017/18 update be noted.
- 2.2 That the principle programme of funding for 2017/18 be agreed.

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Prevent Agenda	£
Victim Support Services	£
Community Resilience/Safer Neighbourhood Programme	£

3. Comments/Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Group

- 3.1 The PCC is the accountable individual for the distribution of this fund and requires regular reports regarding the use of the fund.

4. Background

- 4.1 In 2014/15 the PCC proposed the allocation for the Community Safety Partnership on the basis of relative need, and not on historical allocations, in line with Home Office expectations of his role and purpose.
- 4.2 Resources are allocated to individual local authorities based on a needs-based formula that adequately reflects the community safety requirements of local council areas.

- 4.3 In accordance with the above principles, these monies are to be ring-fenced for community safety purposes to help local authorities deliver the objectives and target outcomes set out in the PCC's Police and Crime Plan.
- 4.4 With a budget shortfall of around £21m still to be addressed in future years. Following a review by the PCC the decision is to continue to directly support the PCC although a reduction is expected. The amount of grant funding will be finalised in January 2017.

5. Implications to SaferMK Partnership

- 5.1 There will need to be a robust process from the SaferMK support team and BMG to ensure the money is appropriately allocated locally and monitored to measure against the priorities of both the Partnership and the PCC.
- 5.2 It is important that the SaferMK Partnership maintain the accountability of funding on behalf of the PCC. Failure to monitor or performance manage the funding could result in the PCC reviewing our allocation.

6. Other considerations / Key Partnership Involvement

- 6.1 None

7. Attachments/Background Papers

- 7.1 Letter from the PCC (November 2016) to Chief Executives and Leaders (**Annex**)