



## SaferMK Partnership Discussion and Decision Report

### Subject: Police and Crime Commissioner; Community Safety Fund (CSF) Allocation 2015/16

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#### 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To inform the SaferMK Partnership of the local allocation of the Community Safety Fund (CSF) 2015/16 from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).
- 1.2 The proposal for 2015/16 is to maintain previous funding agreements from 2013/14 to allow for a review to take place and to enable sustainability of services during the review; the review outcome will be presented to the SaferMK Partnership in January 2016. It is also expected that by this time the PCC would have announced the CSF allocation for 2016/17.
- 1.3 There has not been a suitable request or project for allocations to change from its original proposal in March 2015.
- 1.4 Contributions have been set out below:

Activity	Contribution
Contribution towards Commissioned Domestic Violence service, includes £20k for IDVA as part of Home Office agreement 2015/16	£40,000
Adult Drug Commissioned services	£53,275
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

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Contribution</b>
Youth Offending team (combined contribution from previous PCC and Chief Constable grant)	£146,000
Prevent Agenda (including cont. towards EMASS)	£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
<b>TOTAL Community Safety Fund</b>	<b>£296,675</b>

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Community Safety Fund allocation for 2015/16 be noted.
- 2.2 That the Partnership Board agree to Q3 and Q4 (50% of allocation funding) of the Community Safety Fund.
- 2.3 That a presentation be brought by the Head of Community Safety on the planned development and allocation of funding for 2016/17, to the Partnership meeting in January 2016.
- 2.4 That the development of a mechanism by the Business Management Group to measure performance and ensure that the Community Safety Fund is delivering value to Milton Keynes, be agreed.
- 2.5 That a presentation on an update from the Police and Crime Commissioner's office on recent commissioned services' for victims, be noted.

## **3. Comments from the Scrutiny Management Committee**

- 3.1 None at present.

## **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 The overall sum of money available for distribution by the PCC Community Safety Fund allocation model (which now includes funding for 'Youth Offending Teams' previously distributed by Thames Valley

Police) has been finalised for 2015/16. As per the previous year resources will be 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, the PCC's Community Safety Fund allocations to Milton Keynes for 2015/16 is £296,675 which is a £994.00 reduction on the previous year. 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 In 2014/15 The PCC funded the Custody Intervention Programme (CIP) by way of a top-slice from the Community Safety Fund. This programme expired on 31 March 2015, and replaced by a new healthcare contract commissioned by the Department of Health. The money previously spent on the CIP had been removed from the draft 2015/16 budget and is part of the £24m of identified cash savings.
- 4.6 The PCC has recently agreed to fund MODUS (software used for MARAC case management) or the foreseeable future. This is a service that was previously funded by CSP contributions, but some local authorities have withdrawn their funding leaving the financial viability of this essential service at risk. The sum of £10,390 required for 2015/16 will therefore be funded by way of a top-slice from the Community Safety Fund.
- 4.7 With a budget shortfall of around £21m still to be addressed in 2016/17 and 2017/18 the PCC cannot stipulate future Community Safety Fund allocations. However, the PCC has made it clear that he highly values Community Safety, and will do his utmost to preserve expenditure as far as reasonably possible, given his statutory requirements to produce balanced budgets and to fund an efficient and effective policing service across Thames Valley.

## **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. Attachments/Background Papers**

- 6.1 None