



## THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

### DECISION RECORD FORM

<b>REQUEST:</b>			
To agree to award Tees Valley Unlimited £10,000 as a Local Contributor to its Youth Engagement Fund Proposal			
<b>Title:</b>			
Youth Engagement Fund - Local Contributor			
<b>Executive Summary:</b>			
<p>Tees Valley Unlimited is the Local Enterprise Partnership for the Tees Valley. TVU have been successful in the initial application stage for the Government's Youth Engagement Fund, with a funding bid being developed to bring £4.5 million of additional resources to Tees Valley to support disadvantaged young people between the ages of 14 and 17.</p> <p>If successfully awarded the funding the delivery model will focus on NEETs who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have a history of offending or who have been identified as being at risk of becoming an offender</li> <li>- Are in care or care leavers</li> <li>- Have left school or are likely to leave school with few or no qualifications</li> <li>- Have behavioural or mental health issues</li> <li>- Have a learning difficulty or disability</li> </ul> <p>The model will provide a single overarching programme with multiple specialist interventions that offer three key strands - prevention, transition and re-engagement. Transition Education Mentors will provide intensive bespoke packages for the young people on the programme and act as a single point of contact for all the services utilised.</p>			
<b>Decision:</b>			
The PCC is asked to provide £10,000 to TVU as a Local Contributor to the Youth Engagement Fund bid which will be payable in 2015/16 if the funding bid is successful.			
<b>Implications:</b>			
Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality & Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>(If yes please provide further details below)</b>			

**Decision Required – Supporting Information**

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC's CFO where the decision has financial implications)

The TVU proposals will support the PCC objective of diverting people from offending and reoffending behaviour, and the funding committed is affordable within the budget that the PCC set at the start of the financial year.

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

None

Equality and Diversity Implications

None

Human Rights Implications

None.

Sustainability Implications

None arise

Risk Management Implications

None arise

**OFFICER APPROVAL****Chief Executive**

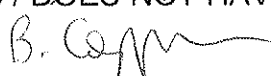
I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been taken into account. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signed: 

Date: 22 December 2014

**Police and Crime Commissioner:**

The above request HAS / DOES NOT HAVE my approval.

Signed: 

Date: 5/12/15

## **HM Government Youth Engagement Fund Briefing Paper**

### **Background**

Earlier this year the Government announced a package of measures to help address youth unemployment and homelessness. This included a new Youth Engagement Fund (YEF) of over £16m over three years to tackle the attainment gap and reduce the number of young people who become NEET (not in education, employment or training) using social impact bonds (SIBs).

The new YEF will build on the existing DWP Innovation Fund to bring together 'what works' evidence alongside external social investment to fund innovative preventative interventions that will improve outcomes for young people. The fund will test the extent to which a payment by results approach involving social investors can drive improved outcomes for young people.

The YEF will pay for positive education and employment outcomes achieved by projects that support disadvantaged young people between the ages of 14 and 17 across areas of England.

### **Aims and Objectives**

This cross-government Fund, Cabinet Office, DWP and Ministry of Justice has four key objectives:

- Objective 1 – Deliver support to help young people aged 14-17 who are disadvantaged, or at risk of disadvantage, to enable them to participate and succeed in education or training, improving their employability, thereby reducing their longer term dependency on benefits and reducing their likelihood of offending.
- Objective 2 – Enable schools, academies, local authorities, colleges and others to use their resources more effectively to support disadvantaged young people and reduce the number of young people who become NEET.
- Objective 3 – Test the extent to which a payment by results approach involving social Investors can drive improved Outcomes for young people and generate benefit savings, as well as other wider fiscal and social benefits.
- Objective 4 - Support the development of the social investment market, build the capacity of social sector organisations and contribute to the evidence base for social impact bonds.

Projects must support the most disadvantaged young people in society who are at risk of becoming long term NEET (rather than those who spend a short time NEET whilst in transition between other activities). These include young people who:

- have a history of offending or who have been identified as being at a high risk of becoming an offender by their school or local Youth Offending Team;
- have left school or are likely to leave school with few or no qualifications;
- have behavioural or mental health issues;
- have high levels of absence from school;
- are in a gang;
- are teenage parents;
- have no fixed abode;
- are using or have used drugs;
- are in care or are care leavers; and
- have a learning difficulty and/or disability.

Government are particularly keen to see bids which have a clear focus on young people who have a history of offending or are at increased risk of offending behaviour, as well as looked after young people and care leavers, but equal consideration will be given to bids for other disadvantaged groups.

### **Social Investment Partnerships**

DWP is seeking proposals from a range of Social Investment Partnerships, comprising one or more 'Investors' and one or more 'Delivery Bodies' to deliver the YEF project. The partnerships may also include intermediary organisations.

Each Social Investment Partnership will have considerable freedom to determine what activities young people will undertake to help them to participate and succeed in education or training in order to achieve better employment outcomes, without prescription from central government.

The YEF provision must not duplicate existing programmes or funding arrangements – the provision needs to be genuinely innovative and deliver support which would not otherwise be available.

These partnerships may contain up to four layers of organisations, including:

- **Investors** – organisations and individuals willing and able to underwrite the full costs of delivering programmes to support young people and to take all the risks of payments by Outcomes;
- **Delivery Bodies** – delivering the services to the young people;
- **Local Contributors** – stakeholders providing an up-front financial contribution to the projects; and, potentially;
- **Intermediaries** – whose role will vary but may involve bringing together investment from multiple sources and supporting Delivery Bodies – Tees Valley Unlimited role.

The Fund will pay for one or more Outcomes per Participant which can be linked to improved employability. The Progress Measures are as follows:

#### **Aged 14-15**

- Improved attitude to school/education
- Improved attendance at school
- Improved behaviour at school
- Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) accredited Entry level qualifications (below GCSE)

#### **Aged 16 -17 years**

- Improved attitude to school/education
- Basic Skills
- The achievement of a first QCF accredited Entry level qualification (below GCSE) with a literacy and numeracy focus
- The achievement of First QCF Level 1 qualification
- The achievement of First QCF Level 2 qualification
- Completion of first QCF Level 3 training/vocational qualifications.
- Entry into First Employment (16 or more hours per week) with training element (e.g. an Apprenticeship, or work-based learning)
- Entry into sustained employment – 26 weeks

## Local Contributions

It is expected that most bids under the Fund will include a financial contribution from at least one other source. Local Contributors could include schools/academies, local authorities or others interested in supporting projects that improve Outcomes for young people (for example Clinical Commissioning Groups or Police and Crime Commissioners). Central Government Departments (excluding DWP, Cabinet Office and MoJ) can also be local contributors.

The Local Contributions should not exceed more than 49% of the total contract value and shall not be paid in kind.

The financial contribution(s) made by Local Contributor(s) recognises the fact that projects are supporting young people in their communities, local area, organisation or school. Local Contributions will be used in conjunction with the YEF pot to fund the Outcomes.

The Local Contribution will be included in the financial evaluation scoring. As part of the bidding process bidders will need to provide Local Contribution commitment letter(s) signed by each Local Contributor, stating the amount of Local Contribution agreed.

The Local Contribution shall operate within the following parameters:

- All funds must be paid up front and in full by the Local Contributor(s) to the Contractor (the investor/intermediary managing the investment and Outcome Payments). This must be paid within 28 Days of the commencement date of the contract.
- The Contractor must hold Local Contributions in a separate and designated bank account which must be managed transparently.
- The funds that constitute the Local Contributions shall not be paid out by the Contractor until such time as Outcomes are achieved, claimed by the Contractor and validated by DWP.
- If, at the effective date of expiry or termination of the Agreement there are funds from the Local Contributions remaining, they can be paid back to the Local Contributors in the proportions in which they were provided.

DWP anticipate between 4 and 10 contracts will be let in total. This however, will depend on the quality of bids; the financial liability of Outcome Payments; and the level of Local Contributions.

The closing date for tenders is 10:00am on 28<sup>th</sup> November, which will be appraised during December and January with a delivery commencement date in April 2015.



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24 November 2014

Dear Sirs

**YOUTH ENGAGEMENT FUND PROCUREMENT UI\_DWP\_101330 (the "Procurement")**

**TENDER SUBMITTED BY TEES VALLEY UNLIMITED (the "Contractor")**

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland (the "Local Contributor") has been identified as a Local Contributor in the Contractor's tender in respect of the Procurement.

The Local Contributor warrants and confirms to the Department for Work and Pensions that:

1. the Local Contributor is willing to provide funding to the Contractor to the value £10,000 set out against its name in Annex 4 of the tender;
2. this funding will be provided by the Local Contributor within 28 days of the commencement date of any agreement between DWP and the Contractor entered into in respect of the Procurement (the "Agreement");
3. this funding will be provided for the purpose of paying for the Outcomes as defined by and to be delivered under the Agreement between DWP and the Contractor. The funding will be used in conjunction with the central government funding available under the Youth Engagement Fund at the discretion of DWP for the purposes of paying for the said Outcomes; and

4. this funding will only be repaid to the Local Contributor, if:
  - a) post-payment validation of employment outcomes identifies errors and/or:
  - b) at the effective date of expiry or termination of the Agreement there are funds remaining, which will be paid back at the proportion in which it was provided (relative to other Local Contributions provided within the scope of this Agreement).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Porter". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

**Michael Porter**  
**Treasurer**  
**Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland**