



Reference No: 2021-0007580

THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For PCC approval.

Title: Safer Streets 3 - Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) – Middlesbrough Central and Newport

Executive Summary:

Between 3rd June 2021 and 15 July 2021, the Home Office opened applications to the Safer Streets 3 Fund. This fund aims to address crimes involving Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG). As part of the preparation for the bid, the Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland (OPCC) developed a consultation aimed at women within Cleveland and consulted with women's VAWG groups to gain an understanding of when and where women felt unsafe within Cleveland.

The OPCC submitted bids to the fund in partnership with two Local Authorities, Crimestoppers and with the support of local women's charities. The bid in partnership with Middlesbrough Borough Council was successful in receiving funding of £381,771. The project will target the areas of Middlesbrough Town Centre and Newport – areas selected due to the disproportionately high levels of VAWG crimes

The key aims of the project are: to promote awareness around VAWG crime; increase opportunities for prevention of VAWG crimes and improve the support offer for victim/ survivors.

The main outputs of the project are:

- Selfie courses for young people to highlight appropriate behaviours and attitudes
- Specialist IDVA to provide support for those experiencing stalking and harassment
- Roll out of "Ask Me" scheme to encourage victims / survivors to talk about their experiences
- Promotional materials to highlight VAWG issues and where support is available
- Crimestoppers campaign to highlight VAWG issues – linked into regional and national campaigns
- VAWG workplace champion – to engage with businesses to provide training and develop VAWG champions
- Engagement with Teesside University to look at providing personal safety items (e.g. personal alarms, torches) for students
- Installation of static and mobile CCTV cameras
- Additional and improved street lighting
- Appointment of a victim support officer to work with victims / survivors of VAWG crimes
- Provision of personal safety items (e.g. alarms, mobile phones) for vulnerable victims.

Breakdown of the funding amounts is as follows:

- Middlesbrough Borough Council - £263,795
- Crimestoppers - £25,000
- Teesside University - £30,000
- Safer Communities (VCAS) - £38,000
- Oversight and administration (OPCC) - £24,976

Decision:
To approve funding of £356,795 to Middlesbrough Borough Council, Crimestoppers, Teesside University and Safer Communities to deliver the agreed outputs for Safer Streets 3 (VAWG) in Middlesbrough Town Centre and Newport areas.

OPCC Lead Officer: Denise Holian

Contractor Details (if applicable):
Middlesbrough Borough Council
Crimestoppers
Safer Communities
Teesside University

Implications:

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"/>	

(If yes please provide further details below)

Decision Required – Supporting Information

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC’s Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

All of the funding to deliver this area of work has been provided from the Government as part of the bid process and therefore it is this funding that is being spent to deliver this area of work. There are therefore no additional costs to the PCC of approving this decision.

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

Grant agreements are in place and will be robustly monitored throughout the duration of the Safer Streets 3 Project.

Equality and Diversity Implications

Funding is to support and protect all members of the community from crime and all will have equal access to the services that are being funded in the area. A full Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken.

Human Rights Implications

There are no Human Rights implications

Sustainability Implications

There are no sustainability implications; future maintenance of CCTV and street lighting procured through the safer streets fund, will be absorbed by Middlesbrough Borough Council. Evaluation of initiatives will form the basis of any business case for continued, future funding.

Risk Management Implications

There are no significant risk management issues

OFFICER APPROVAL

Monitoring Officer

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 06/12/2021

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed



Date 06/12/2021