

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO TARGET ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

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RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive recommends the Council act as Accountable Body and approve spend of £91,500 external Police and Crime Commissioner funding received for 2013/14.

1 DETAIL

- 1.1 The Cumbria PCC has awarded match funding to Copeland Borough Council for 2013/14 for the following items –
- Friday Night Project Extension (£34,713)
 - Additional Police Resources and Additional Project Resources to Combat Shoplifting (£50,000)
 - Additional Police Resources in Neighbourhood Management Areas (£3,787)
 - Young Persons Alcohol Misuse Reduction Project (£3,000)
- 1.2 This funding is subject to a formal funding agreement. The terms of the agreement are consistent with those in existence between the Home Office and the Commissioner and on the basis of which the Commissioner is able to make this funding available to the Council.
- 1.3 Our approach to anti-social behaviour is to work within the West Cumbria Community Safety Partnership Action Plan agreed by all partners including the Council. In bidding for the matched funding we were clear to ensure that targeted activity delivers against priority issues.
- 1.4 The detail of the grant offer in terms of payment schedules will inform our grant and contract letters to partners delivering the targeted activity. We will use our long experience of receiving grants and acting as accountable body to ensure the matched funding is used for the purposes it has been given against. We anticipate all projects to deliver in line with agreed funding and activity profiles but any unspent PCC resource against planned projects will be returned to the Office of the Cumbria PCC at the end of the financial year.

- 1.5 The Council will receive the matched funding quarterly and pass on as grants or contract payments to deliver the targeted activities. Each project will be commissioned from this matched funding resource through a project brief and linked Service Level or Grant Agreement setting out the detail of activities to be provided, spend and match funding profiles and reporting arrangements. The resources will be used to deliver specific projects which will be managed by the project lead for each activity.
- 1.6 The projects impact will be collectively monitored against the monthly statistics on anti-social behaviour incidents across Copeland and within current hot spots.

2. STATUTORY OFFICER COMMENTS

- 2.1 The Monitoring Officer's comments are: Report requires Council approval for acting as responsible body.
- 2.2 The Section 151 Officer's comments are: The council needs to establish and devise an appropriate mechanism to ensure that it is not financially liable for any non-delivery by partners. The terms of the award, payment arrangements to partners of the match funding and performance arrangements will need to be established, comply with financial regulations and be agreed in advance of any spend.

List of Background Documents:

West Cumbria Community Safety Strategic Assessment 2012, 2013/14 Action Plan, Copeland bid to the Cumbria PCC for matched funding in 2013/14, Executive Report 23 April 2013.