

WYPCC – Briefing / Decision template

Timing:	Pressing – Support Arrangements for the Leeds Crime Reduction Network need to put in place for 1 April 2015
Purpose:	<i>For decision</i>
Cleared by:	Executive Team

SUBJECT OF ADVICE VAL CSF Grant

Summary: It is proposed to change the performance indicators for the Voluntary Action Leeds (VAL) grant from the Community Safety Fund of £5k for 2015/16 to reflect the changed circumstances with the VAL secondment undertaken by David Smith coming to an end on 21 April 2015. The purpose of doing this is to provide support to the third sector led Leeds Crime Reduction Network. The current indicators are given at appendix 1

Recommendation: that new performance indicators be negotiated with VAL for the use of the grant in 15/16, deleting those in the current agreement and replacing them with ones which will enable progress in the development of the Leeds Crime Reduction Network to be monitored.

Relevant commitment statement/Contribution that the subject makes to the Police and Crime Plan: The relevant sections are those relating to the necessary underpinning support for partnership working, at page 8; Innovating and investing in our communities (p 40) and Delivering together (p 42)

Consideration:

The CSF grant to VAL was first made in 2013/14, to continue funding that was secured from the Home Office in 2012/13. This was the so called “Safer Future Communities” fund administered jointly by NAVCA and Clinks to raise awareness of the PCC elections in the sector, and also raise the awareness of candidates for the post of PCC about the sector’s contribution to delivering community safety outcomes.

Mark Burns-Williamson along with other candidates attended and spoke at a Third Sector Question and Answer session chaired by the Bishop of Leeds (then John Packer) in October 2012. Following his election as PCC he was approached by VAL to seek a second year of the funding provided initially by the Home Office. He agreed to this and the form the support took was the Community Safety Fund grant.

After the secondment commencing January 2014, the grant was used to pay the non-salary costs of the secondment e.g. travel expenses, hire of meetings rooms, the costs of events such as the PCC’s third sector conference, and any reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by members of the Third Sector Advisory Group. Administrative costs incurred by VAL associated with secondment arrangements were also covered.

The need for the grant to be used in this way ends on 21 April 2015, when the secondment finishes, and the Third Sector Adviser becomes a temporary post within the OPCC.

During this time, the Advisory Group has been working to strengthen partnership arrangements at district level. It now invites third sector members of district CSPs to its meetings, and has regular dialogue with them. The sector in Leeds has shown a particular interest in developing the relationship. A group of senior leaders from the sector has launched a Leeds Crime Reduction Network. It is led by the sector but open to all; the police, CRC, HMP Leeds and Council officers regularly attend and contribute.

The LCRN has no funding; it is at an early stage of development. VAL has provided some support to date but loss of funding means this cannot be continued into 15/16, and in any case needs to be enhanced to enable the network to develop.

The proposal is for this funding to be made available for one year only. The Third Sector Advisory Group feels that if similar funding is available in future years it should be used to stimulate network development in other districts.

An especially welcome feature of this work to date has been the active support of the new Leeds District Command team, especially Paul Money and Sam Millar. One year's funding from CSF would enable further exploration of how better working relationships might develop at district level between the sector and the Police Force. This learning can then be spread to other districts. There will be a performance indicator along these lines in the revised grant agreement.

Affordability: No increase in expenditure is involved in this proposal, it is a changed use for a expenditure already committed and budgeted for.

Handling: It is important that the CSP, Safer Leeds, is aware of this development and any associated publicity. The Leeds District Commander Paul Money and Supt Sam Millar have all been involved in the development of the network and should be kept informed. Liz Jarmin the Head of Community Safety Partnerships at Leeds City Council is also well aware of the work and committed to its success.

Supporting and dissenting Views:

Consultation has taken place with the Steering Group for the Leeds Crime Reduction Network, and also with the PCC's Third Sector Advisory Group. Both are supportive, with the proviso already stated from the Advisory Group concerning any future funding going to stimulate similar developments in other districts.

Equality, diversity and human rights considerations:

The third sector in Leeds works with a wide range of seldom heard communities and protected groups as defined by the Equality Act 2010. Contact with groups falling into this category has historically been an indicator for monitoring in respect of this grant; this will continue to feature as an indicator.

Appendix 1

Performance indicators: PCC Community Safety Fund

OVERVIEW TABLE

Indicator	Outcome: people in West Yorkshire are safer			
	Baseline at 31 March (% change for the previous 12 months)	Q2 performance (30 September)	Q3 performance (31 December)	Achievement at 31 March

SAFER FUTURE COMMUNITIES				
Number of third sector organisations supported				
Number of these which are new to this quarter				
Number of groups / networks supported which work with Equality Act protected groups				
Information / support provided to support and development organisations				
Third sector representation provided at PEG				
Third sector engagement secured with range of other meetings / events as required				