

## **Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record**

### **Community Safety Fund Applications (Reducing reoffending) – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Decision number:** 10/2017

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**Protective Marking:** Official

#### **Executive Summary:**

For 2017/18 the Police and Crime Commissioner has made available £750,000 of funding to ensure continued support to local community, voluntary and faith organisations. An amount of £250,000 has been ring-fenced for projects that will reduce reoffending in Surrey.

In March 2017 the Community Safety Fund (reducing reoffending), received 6 applications for funding, one of those being an application for a small grant. Of the 5 core/standard applications, 4 are recommended for approval by the PCC. The remaining standard application and small grant application have been deferred pending responses from additional information requested.

#### **Applications for Core Service Awards over £5000**

##### ***The Amber Foundation – sponsored beds***

To award The Amber Foundation funding for three bed spaces at Farm Place for the next three years, to support young people from Surrey who are at risk of reoffending or who may be susceptible to antisocial behaviour in their communities. Priority for these bed spaces would be given to Integrated Offender Management referrals.

Their mission is to transform lives by supporting marginalised young people to move on to sustainable and independent futures that are free from crime. They do this by providing a residential training programme focused on personal development, employability and resettlement skills for homeless, out of work young people aged 17-30.

It is recommended that the funding provided is as follows subject to the criteria as set out in the Application Agreement and our terms and conditions;

<b>2017/18</b>	<b>£37,500</b>
<b>2018/19</b>	<b>£37,500</b>
<b>2019/20</b>	<b>£37,500</b>

#### **Standard applications for awards over £5000**

##### ***Citizens advice Bureau (Woking) – Court Helpdesk project***

To award Citizens Advice Woking £8,500 to deliver the Court Helpdesk project. This is in place to support those who have been served with a Claim for Possession of their property.

The key aims of the project are –

- To prevent homelessness and stabilise the client's housing situation;

- To improve access to legal assistance and
- To improve the client's overall economic and community activity.

***Surrey Transforming Justice Board – Women's Justice Intervention***

To award the Surrey TJB £50,000 to continue delivery of the Women's Justice Intervention which aims to divert women out of the formal criminal justice system into a holistic support package at the point of arrest. This process becomes a women centred approach and takes into consideration the women's needs and background rather than seeing women as offenders first.

***Surrey County Council – Supporting Female Victims Leaving Prison***

To award Surrey County Council Prison Social Care Team £20,465 to fund a Specialist Senior Social Care Assistant post as part of a pilot to work with women in prison who have experienced physical and/or sexual violence. The pilot will incorporate a through the gate and assertive follow up model for women released back to Surrey. The aim is to invest in a pilot with two pathways:

- Pathway One (3 months prior to release): Identifying women who have been victims of physical and or sexual violence with focused group work to build on strengths and links to their home areas (HMP Send only).
- Pathway Two (Surrey): Working with women who are to be released into Surrey with individual case work to identify and address needs and providing a through the gate assertive outreach model for up to 8 weeks to meet identified needs.

**Recommendation**

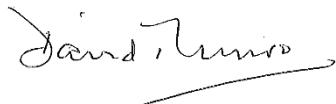
The Commissioner supports the core service and standard applications to the Community Safety Fund and awards to the following;

- £37,500 to the Amber Foundation for a three year period (subject to terms & conditions) for three sponsored beds at their Surrey facility
- £8,500 to Citizens Advice Woking for their Court Helpdesk project
- £50,000 to the Surrey Transforming Justice Board for the Women's Justice Intervention
- £20,465 to Surrey County Council for Supporting Female Victims Leaving Prison

**Police and Crime Commissioner Approval**

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature:



Date: 07/04/2017

All decisions must be added to the decision register.

## **Areas of consideration**

### **Consultation**

Consultation has taken place with appropriate lead officers depending on the application. All applications have been asked to supply evidence of any consultation and community engagement.

### **Financial implications**

All applications have been asked to supply accurate financial information including the total costs of the project with breakdown where the money will be spent; any additional funding secured or applied for and plans for on-going funding. The Community Safety Fund Decision Panel/ Partnership and Victims policy officers considers the financial risks and opportunities when looking at each application.

### **Legal**

Legal advice is taken on an application by application basis.

### **Risks**

The Community Safety Fund Decision Panel/Partnership and Victims policy officers considers any risks in the allocation of funding. It is also part of the process to consider when refusing an application the service delivery risks if appropriate.

### **Equality and diversity**

Each application will be requested to supply appropriate equality and diversity information as part of the monitoring requirements. All applicants are expected to adhere to the Equality Act 2010

### **Risks to human rights**

Each application will be requested to supply appropriate human rights information as part of the monitoring requirements. All applicants are expected to adhere to the Human Rights Act.