



PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR COMMUNITIES, SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH

TOPIC – CSP EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDING

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION

The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 4, Section 22 of the Council's Constitution provides for a decision to be made by an individual member of Cabinet.

In accordance with the Procedure Rules, the Corporate Director (Governance), the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance are consulted together with Chairman and Vice Chairman of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee and any other relevant overview and scrutiny committee. In addition, all Members are notified.

If five or more Members from those informed so request, the Leader may require the matter to be referred to Cabinet for determination.

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SUMMARY

The Community Safety Partnership has been allocated the sum of £14,600 as grant funding from Hampshire County Council. The criteria outlined for expenditure included the delivery of local initiatives that will have a positive impact on the wider Hampshire priorities.

A letter has been sent to the County Executive Group outlining the planned expenditure for Winchester and that was accepted and funding formally agreed on the 9 June 2011.

The CSP plan to use the funding to deliver on the following local crime & disorder priorities:

- Reducing Violence Against the Person with a focus on the Night-time Economy and Domestic Violence
- Reducing ASB with a focus on rowdy and nuisance behaviour

- Reducing Adult re-offending and first time entrant to the youth justice system

Delivery on crime and disorder issues holds a statutory duty for local authorities.

DECISION

That the Portfolio Holder for Communities, Safety and Public Health support the proposed expenditure of £14,600 (funding allocation) for the delivery of the CSP priorities 2011/12 (see appendix 1).

REASON FOR THE DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

The County Council is the beneficiary of an overall amount of Government Community Safety Funding for 2011/12. They have agreed to passport a proportion of those funds to Districts and Boroughs across Hampshire for use in the delivery of priorities that contribute to the Hampshire wide crime and disorder targets. In line with Government commitments, this funding is not ring-fenced. However, any decision to use it for other purposes would mean the Winchester Partnership would be unable to deliver initiatives which will assist in achieving the Winchester and County crime reduction targets. It will also harm partnership working in this area.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The relevant budgets for Income and for Expenditure to be increased in 2011/12 by £14,600.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN ON THE DECISION

- The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Estates, the Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Communities, Safety and Public Health
- The CSP Strategic Group members e.g. Police, Fire Service, Wessex YOT, Probation, Public Health, Police Authority, HMP Winchester, City Council, County Council and WACA

FURTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

No alternative options were put forward as a result of the consultation.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY THE DECISION MAKER OR A MEMBER OR OFFICER CONSULTED

The Portfolio Holder for Communities, Safety and Public Health is a member of the CSP and will take up the position of partnership chairman as of September.

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

N/A

Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision:12.07.11

Councillor John Cooper – Portfolio Holder for Communities, Safety and Public Health