

# Gloucester City Council

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>2 April 2014</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Police and Crime Commissioner funding</b>		
<b>Report Of:</b>	<b>Jennie Dallimore, Cabinet Member for Communities &amp; Neighbourhoods</b>		
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Budget/Policy Framework:</b>	<b>No</b>
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<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>None</b>		

## FOR GENERAL RELEASE

### 1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To outline the funding that has been received by the Safer Gloucester Community Safety partnership from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire, including where this funding was allocated and the achievements to date.

### 2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Cabinet is asked to **RESOLVE** to:

(1) Note the achievements of the Safer Gloucester Community Safety Partnership in securing funds from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and the actions arising.

### 3.0 Background and Key Issues

- 3.1 PCCs came into being in November 2012. They have a statutory duty and electoral mandate to hold the police to account on behalf of the public. The PCC is the recipient for all funding relating to police and crime reduction. How this money is allocated is a matter for the PCC in consultation with the Chief Constable.
- 3.2 During 2013-14, the Safer Gloucester Community Safety Partnership made a bid for funding to the PCC and were successful in being awarded £20,000 per

year for four years. This is less than previous allocations that were made prior to the existence of the PCC: £37,507 was awarded in 2012-13. However, there are now opportunities to bid for additional funding from the PCC in relation to the priorities set in the Police and Crime Plan 2013-17. Over the four years: 2013-14 – 2016-17, additional areas where funding has been secured are:

- Taxi Marshalls - £18,250
- Kingsway Community Builder (2 year funding) - £30,000
- City Safe Manager (2 year funding) - £60,000
- Total - **£108,250**

3.3 During 2013-14, the funding of £20,000 has been used to deliver the following:

### 3.4 **Events**

Five events have been hosted by the partnership this year:

- (i) Paws on Patrol – held in Gloucester Park in June 2013. The event encouraged new members to sign up and to report issues to the council and police leading to safer neighbourhoods
- (ii) Clock Tower Park – event held in September promoting use of the park in the day time and encouraging people to be safety aware after dark
- (iii) King’s Walk crime prevention event was held in November 2013. This promoted crime prevention tools, particularly around Christmas time.
- (iv) Beer goggles go karting event, held in November 2013, promoted safe consumption of alcohol and recognising that distance judgement is impaired by alcohol
- (v) Older people’s Christmas party – held in December 2013

3.5 In addition to the above, Safer Gloucester assisted with and/or attended 30 other events, enabling the partnership to engage with a wide range of people from local neighbourhoods – some were targeted particularly at young people and older people. Examples include the independent living roadshows, UNITE: peace festival, Gloucester Pride, dog shows, armed forces military covenant, GCH community roadshows, two “Have Your Say” events involving knocking on doors to talk to individuals about specific issues and talks to junior neighbourhood wardens.

### 3.6 **Continuation of Paws on Patrol scheme**

Paws on Patrol members are regularly emailed about issues affecting the city. They were also advised to keep an eye on vulnerable neighbours during severe weather in January and February. Members of the scheme often report on a range of issues such as fly tipping, litter and abandoned vehicles. There have also been 400 reports of incidents of crime to the police.

### 3.7 **Community Engagement**

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) issues arising from the Czech Roma community have been addressed. Through engagement with the community, a friends group of St James Park has been established, a garden has been planted and a clean up day in the park is being planned.

3.8 Young Czech Roma people now have a youth club, use of Gymnasion and a dance group. Whilst these have not been directly funded through the PCC, PCC funding was used for the community forum meeting and printing for the friends group.

3.9 There is a shared commitment to the asset-based community development approach from the PCC. PCC funding is contributing to the Kingsway Builder position that has recently been appointed. Community builders initiate conversations with people and invite them to get together to talk about their neighbourhood with the aim of connecting neighbours through their skills, passion and gifts. This should build on the similar work that has already been happening in Matson.

### 3.10 **Other activities**

The partnership, through the PCC funding, has also contributed to the following:

- Mini moto project (still to start)
- Replacement mobile CCTV camera
- Purchase of lamp post tri-signs warning of police operations or particular types of crimes in the area
- Purchase of crime prevention materials e.g. purse strings, trolley coins
- Funded 2,000 crime reduction calendars
- Funded four Safer Gloucester newsletters, two Paws on Patrol newsletters, website hosting, website advent calendar, revised domestic abuse and sexual violence booklets

### 3.11 **Separate bids**

Additional successful bids for funding made to the PCC include:

- Taxi marshalling scheme – maintaining the current work of taxi marshalls
- “City Safe” scheme – funding of £30,000 for two years. A City Safe Manager has been appointed to combine and revive the daytime Shopwatch and night time Pubwatch schemes and introduce a “Yellow Card” scheme to reduce anti social behaviour. On receipt of two cards an individual will be considered for a 12 month ban from the member premises.
- Community van – jointly funded by three agencies and PCC funding. This will be used as a mobile office for community events, public engagement, consultations, ASB response patrols, seasonal crime prevention and other events. The van has been ordered and it is hoped to be launched at the end of August.

#### **4.0 Alternative Options Considered**

4.1 None

#### **5.0 Reasons for Recommendations**

5.1 To highlight the work of the community safety team and how the funding from the PCC has contributed towards this.

#### **6.0 Future Work and Conclusions**

6.1 The Safer Gloucester Partnership will continue to deliver against the PCC's priorities. Funding from the PCC has enabled many activities to take place benefiting the city's neighbourhoods. The partnership will continue to make bids for funding.

#### **7.0 Financial Implications**

7.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

(Financial Services have been consulted in the preparation this report.)

#### **8.0 Legal Implications**

8.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

(Legal Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.)

#### **9.0 Risk & Opportunity Management Implications**

9.1 None.

#### **10.0 People Impact Assessment (PIA):**

10.1 The PIA Screening Stage was completed and did not identify any potential or actual negative impact. Therefore, a full PIA was not required.

#### **11.0 Other Corporate Implications**

##### Community Safety

11.1 The funding has enabled the work of the community safety team to continue throughout the various neighbourhoods and communities in the city and the city centre. Without the funding, the aforementioned activities would not have been possible.

##### Sustainability

11.2 None

Staffing & Trade Union

11.3 None

**Background Documents:** None