

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Cabinet

Date of Committee 17 March 2011

Report Title Allocation of Home Office Stronger Safer Communities Funding – 2011/12

Summary This paper presents a proposal, recommended by the Safer and Stronger Communities Board, for the allocation of the Stronger Safer Communities grant funding for 2011/12. Cabinet is asked to approve the recommendation of the Safer and Stronger Communities Board.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?

Background papers Appendix showing proposed allocation of Stronger Safer Communities resources in 2011/12

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) N/A
- Other Elected Members Cllr Whitehouse, Cllr Williams, Cllr Chattaway, Cllr Sweet
- Cabinet Member Cllr Richard Hobbs
- Chief Executive
- Legal
- Finance Chris Kaye
- Other Strategic Directors

- District Councils All District and Borough Councils via Community Safety Partnership Representatives on Stronger and Safer Communities Board
- Health Authority Sally Eason, NHS Warwickshire
- Police DCC Andy Parker
David Whitehouse
- Other Bodies/Individuals Andy Wade – Warwickshire Probation Trust

FINAL DECISION YES

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

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Recommendation

That Cabinet approves the allocation of 2011/12 Stronger Safer Communities Funding as detailed in the report.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 On Wednesday 9th February 2011, the Home Office announced details of the new Community Safety Fund. The Community Safety Fund consolidates three previous grant streams: Stronger Safer Communities funding, Young People Substance Misuse funding and Community Call for Action funding. The consolidated fund will total £503,631 in 2011/12 and £254,788 in 2012/13. The allocations represent a reduction of 20% in 2011/12 and 60% in 2012/13 against the 2010/11 figure.
- 1.2 On Tuesday 15th February, Warwickshire County Council’s approved budget resolution stated that *“allocations equivalent to the level of grant received will be vired to the appropriate services”*. The table below shows the amounts due to be vired to services from the Home Office Community Safety Fund in 2011/12 and 2012/13 (to the nearest thousand pounds).

Directorate	Former Grant Stream	2011/12	2012/13
CWG	Community Call for Action	£9,000	£5,000
CWG	Stronger Safer Communities	£429,000	£217,000
CYPF	Young People Substance Misuse Partnership	£65,000	£33,000
	Total	£503,000	£255,000

- 1.3 For 2011/12 the Stronger Safer Communities fund will be supplemented by a carry forward of £9,000 from the 2010/11 allocation following the resignation of an analyst whose post has been held vacant in anticipation of funding reductions. The amount of funding available for allocation is therefore £438,000.

2. Funding Recommendation

2.1 On the 2nd February 2011, the Safer and Stronger Communities Board approved the following identified community safety priorities for 2011/12:

- (i) Alcohol
- (ii) Anti Social Behaviour
- (iii) Offender Management
- (iv) Violence (to include a focus on domestic abuse)

2.2 Following Home Office clarification of the funding available for 2011/12, a Safer Warwickshire Strategic Group funding meeting took place on the 15th February to consider the most effective use of available resources. Partners agreed a recommendation for how Stronger Safer Communities funding should be utilised in order to target the agreed priorities.

2.3 Partners agreed to maintain one Safer Neighbourhood analyst post. This post supports work addressing all four priorities.

It was then agreed to divide the remaining funding to the four priorities as shown below:

Priorities Funding Split	
Analytical Resource	£33,000
Violence and Anti Social Behaviour	£200,000
Alcohol	£102,500
Offender Management	£102,500

2.4 Partners then agreed to recommend the following:

- That the Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) funding should be allocated to Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) (basing individual CSP allocations on Violence and ASB incident rates between 1.4.10 and 31.12.10). Each CSP would decide how its allocation should be utilised in order to reduce Violence and ASB.
- That countywide posts and interventions addressing the Alcohol and Offender Management priorities be funded from the respective Alcohol and Offender Management allocations.
- That unallocated Alcohol funding be directed to the Drug and Alcohol Management Group (DAMG) to commission services/interventions.

- That unallocated Offender Management funding be directed to the Prolific and Priority Offenders (PPO) Scheme Steering Group to commission services/interventions.

2.5 The following table therefore summarises the agreed funding model:-

Priority Allocations		
Analytical Resource		
Safer Neighbourhood Analyst	£33,000	
	£33,000	£33,000
Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour		
South Warwickshire CSP	£77,000	
Nuneaton and Bedworth CSP	£66,000	
Rugby CSP	£35,000	
North Warwickshire CSP	£22,000	
	£200,000	£200,000
Alcohol		
Drug and Alcohol Team	£63,411	
Alcohol Arrest Referral Service	£27,983	
For allocation via Drug and Alcohol Management Group	£11,106	
	£102,500	£102,500
Offender Management		
Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Intervention	£23,952	
Swanswell Domestic Abuse Service	£22,810	
Alcohol Treatment Requirement Service	£42,984	
For allocation by PPO Steering Group	£12,754	
	£102,500	£102,500
	Total Allocated	£438,000

2.6 The Safer and Stronger Communities Board has been consulted on the recommended allocations and no objections have been received.

2.7 Cabinet is therefore recommended to approve the allocation of 2011/12 Stronger Safer Communities funding.

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