Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision			
PCCG-2020- 006	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision		
Subject	Serious Violence and Organised Crime – Interventions Funding 2020/21		
	To record the decision to provide grant funding to organisations working together with Gwent Police to deliver Serious Violence and Organised Crime pilot interventions, as part of the Serious Violence and Organised Crime Project during the 2020/21 financial year.		

DECISION

- 1. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides under sections 9 and 10 that the Police and Crime Commissioner for a police area makes crime and disorder grants and acts in co-operation with responsible authorities and makes arrangements with criminal justice agencies for the exercise of functions, so as to provide an efficient and effective criminal justice system for the area. This provision was further supplemented by virtue of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, which provided specific arrangements for the provision of funding for victims.
- 2. In 2018/19 and 2019/20, a Home Office Grant of £245,000 per annum was provided to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent, to enable the reduction of crime; reduce the impact of Serious Organised Crime (SOC) on communities; and protect the most vulnerable members of society from criminal exploitation across Newport. In addition, in 2018/19 a collaborative all Wales bid, led by the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales on behalf of the four Welsh Police and Crime Commissioners (South Wales, Gwent, Dyfed Powys and North Wales) was submitted to the Home Office's Early Intervention Youth Fund (EIYF). As part of this complementary EIYF project, direct intervention is being delivered by third sector organisations to empower and educate children and young people about crime and criminality and to divert children and young people away from the risk of exploitation and serious organised crime.

For 2020/21, a Home Office Grant of \pounds 260,000 is expected to be awarded for the continuation of the Newport SOC Project. As in previous years, a proportion of this funding is expected to fund the SOC Community Coordinator post for 12 months - \pounds 85,000 is allocated for this purpose. Local evaluation of the project is expected by the Home Office and \pounds 10,000 has been allocated for this purpose.

The remaining £165,000 is available to fund the in continued delivery of prevention interventions.

Since no Home Office funding is being made available for continuation of interventions of the EIYF funded projects in 2020/21, I have agreed to fund the final year of these pilot interventions, in order to enable both projects to be brought together and continued with the intention of having in place a sustainable, whole system approach to tackling and funding serious violence and organised crime in Gwent from April 2020.

For the financial year 2020/21, the historic EIYF Project will be merged into the SOC Project to make the Serious Violence and Organised Crime (SVOC) Project.

3. Decision Logs PCC2019-031, PCC2019-033, PCC2019-041 records my decision to provide funding for pilot intervention in 2019/20.

Based on progress and performance of the interventions delivered in 2019/20, a process was instigated to allow proposals to be submitted for further funding to continue delivery of pilot interventions in 2020/21. The proposals were reviewed and funding recommendations made by a Panel made up of project representatives.

4. I have considered the requirements under both Acts of legislation; the recommendations made by the Panel; and assessed the impact on my Police and Crime Priorities for Gwent and have decided that I will provide non-recurrent funding, to the following organisations:

Barnardo's - £207,500

• To deliver early intervention one-to-one support to young people (and their families), aged 10-14 and at the cusp of violent or criminal behaviour, , to prevent their involvement in serious and organised crime.

St Giles Trust - £123,794

• To deliver one to one crisis intervention to young people and their families, at risk of involvement or involved in serious violence and organised crime; and co-deliver the 'Fearless' Programme in Schools with Crimestoppers.

Crimestoppers - £40,851

• To co-deliver the Fearless Programme to Year 7 pupils in educational establishments with St Giles Trust; and provide targeted support to schools in hotspot areas where serious violence or organised crime is an issue.

The Project is co-ordinated and delivered by the SOC Community Co-ordinator within Gwent Police, funded by the Home Office SOC Grant. A Serious Violence Coordinator, funded in 2019/20 by the EIYF grant will continue to be funded by my office and hosted by Torfaen County Borough Council. They will work alongside the SOC Community Coordinator to coordinate and deliver the SVOC Project. I will provide the following non-recurrent funding:

Torfaen County Borough Council - £29,267

 To continue employment of a Serious Violence Coordinator until 31st March 2021.

Total award made to external partner organsiations for delivery of the SVOC Project is £401,412. Of this, £165,000 will be funded by the Home Office SOC Grant, the remainder, £236,412, will be funded by my office.

5. The arrangements for each award will be set out in a Grant Agreement, which includes appropriate terms and conditions, purpose of the award and payment, monitoring and reporting arrangements.

As a minimum, and in addition to the oversight provided by the SOC Community Coordinator, in order to monitor the progress of funded projects, and provide reassurance that funding allocated is effectively meeting Policing Priorities in Gwent, as outlined in the Police and crime Plan, and the requirements of the Home Office SOC grant; the grant recipients are required to complete a mid-year and an end of year monitoring report. which will require the following information to be provided:

- Project Activity;
- Project Outputs;
- Project Outcomes;
- Breakdown of financial expenditure;
- Risk; and
- Learning.

Where the Panel recommended additional conditions, over and above the standard terms and conditions, in order to gain assurance and clarity in relation to project deliverables and outcomes, these will be monitored in addition to the minimum monitoring and reporting requirements. Where appropriate and proportional, these have been linked to the release of funding.

Successful applicants will be required to accept the terms and conditions of the grant, which will be outlined in a Grant Agreement and Grant Offer Letter, by signing and returning the relevant documentation prior to any funding being

Jeff Cuthbert B.SC., MDIPD, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct. Any such interests are recorded below.

The above request has my approval.

Signed	Date
Jeff con	16.05.2020

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