

<b>Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision</b>	
<b>PCCG-2019-033</b>	<b>Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision</b>
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Serious Violence Prevention Funding 2019/20 for Torfaen County Borough Council and Newport Live</b>
<b>Summary</b>	<b>To record the decision to provide grant funding to partner organisations to deliver Serious Violence Interventions as part of the Serious Violence Prevention Wales Project during the 2019/20 financial year.</b>

## **DECISION**

- 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.
- 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 Commissioner's (South Wales, Gwent, Dyfed Powys and North Wales) was submitted to the Home Office Early Intervention Youth Fund (EIYF). A total award of £1.2m to deliver the Serious Violence Prevention Project Wales (SVPPW) was made by the Home Office from the EIYF for the financial years 2018/19 and 2019/20. The SVPPW is delivering a regional, multifaceted approach to understanding and tackling the root causes of serious violence through early intervention and prevention, with children under the age of 18. As part of the project, Serious Violence Coordinators are being appointed in each Force Area and direct intervention is being delivered by third sector organisations, including St Giles Trust, Crimestoppers, Street Games (in Dyfed Powys, South Wales and North Wales) and Newport Live - Positive Futures (in Gwent) 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.

The intended outcomes for children and young people of the SVPPW are:

- Young people will be able to identify positive aspirations and goals
- Young people will feel safer
- Young people will have improved well-being
- Young people will be better informed as to where to seek support

The Home Office EIYF grant is held by the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales. A Collaborative Agreement outlines the roles and responsibilities of the partners named in the Home Office bid in delivering the SVPPW Project. An allocation of £106,607 has been made available to Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner for 2019/20. This includes £45,000 for a Serious Violence Coordinator, an Enhanced Service Intervention Budget of £40,860 and an allocation of £20,747 for diversionary activity. A commitment was made in the bid for each Commissioner to match fund 50% of the Intervention budget within the 2019/20 financial year. In Gwent this equates to a commitment of £20,430, from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent.

3. Following discussions with community safety partners, Torfaen County Council have agreed to host the role of the Gwent Serious Violence Coordinator. The role will raise the profile of serious violence issues across Gwent, identifying key areas for support and intervention to be provided, act as a coordinator for direct local intervention provision, whilst also enabling best practice and learning to be shared on an all Wales basis.

As a named partner in the bid, Newport Live – Positive Futures, will deliver sports based interventions targeting young people who would have been recently affected by the Serious Organised Crime raids in Gwent.

4. I have considered the requirements under both Acts of legislation, the requirements of the grant agreement and assessed the impact on my Police and Crime Priorities for Gwent and have decided that I will provide non-recurrent funding, awarded from Gwent allocation of the Home Office EIYF grant, to the following organisations:

**Torfaen County Borough Council £45,000**

- To employ a Serious Violence Coordinator between 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020.

**Newport Live £27,886**

- To deliver a targeted 6 week programme of issue-based workshops, and sport and activity sessions to small cohorts of Year 5 and 6 pupils from

targeted primary schools in Gwent.

The allocation available from EIFY grant for Positive Futures delivery is £20,747 therefore a further £7,139 will be made available from the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Proposals for the Enhanced Services Fund are currently being considered and so an amount of £40,860 remains currently unallocated.

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.

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 EIFY 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
- Learning


Grant recipients 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 released.

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**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 8/7/19

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