

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2020-026	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session
Subject	South Wales Fire and Rescue - Community Safety and Youth Offending Partner Funding for 1 st July 2020 – 31 st March 2021.
Summary	The purpose of this paper is to record the decision to award South Wales Fire and Rescue an allocation from the community safety and youth offending fund for period 1 st July 2020 – 31 st March 2021.

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.
2.

Since 2016/17, I have contributed to community safety and youth offending by creating a Safer Gwent Fund linked to Safer Gwent, the regional Community Safety Partnership (CSP). South Wales Fire and Rescue have successfully bid for funding for the post of Anti-Social Behaviour and Fire Crime Practitioner from this fund.

Since the introduction of Public Service Boards the purpose of Safer Gwent is under review, with business as usual significantly reduced until this piece of work is concluded. As such, in December 2019, I began a process of consultation on a number of options for community safety and youth offending funding going forward. My decision log PCCG2019-082, outlined my decision to extend 2019/20 grants by 3 months to the 30th June 2020, to allow appropriate time for completion of consultation and final decision making.
3.

The requirements under the Act have been considered as well as the requirements of the Police and Crime Plan and the current community safety landscape in Gwent. The new arrangements for contributing to Local Authority community safety provision and youth offending has been outlined in decision log PCCG-2020-005 and came into effect on 1st July 2020. In addition to this contribution, I have ringfenced a budget of £49,500 for the 9 months period for community safety contributions to organisations other than Local Authorities.

I have invited South Wales Fire and Rescue to submit a proposal for an allocation of this funding to continue the work of the Anti-Social Behaviour and Fire Crime Practitioner.

Their proposal has been reviewed by my office and a recommendation made. I have decided to accept the recommendation to provide funding of £21,000 to South Wales Fire and Rescue for the period 1st July 2020 – 31st March 2021.

4. 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.

At a minimum, 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, 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.

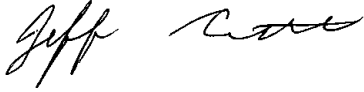
Where the review panel recommended additional conditions over and above the standard terms and conditions, in order to gain assurance and clarity in relation to project deliverables and outcomes, these will be monitored in addition to the minimum monitoring and reporting requirements and where appropriate and proportional, 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.

Mr Jeff Cuthbert, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent

My decision is as I have recorded in this paper

Signed



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