

<b>Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision</b>	
<b>PCCG-2018-042</b>	<b>Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision</b>
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Serious Organised Crime – Interventions Funding 2018/19</b>
<b>Summary</b>	To record the decision to provide grant funding (awarded by the Home Office to the Police and Crime Commissioner) to organisations working together with Gwent Police to deliver Serious Organised Crime Interventions during the 2018/19 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. A Home Office grant of £245,000 is to be provided to the Police & Crime Commissioner for Gwent for the 2018/19 financial year 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. A whole system approach is to be provided to tackling SOC through activities that involve targeted Prevent interventions, resilience building work and strategic communications, to develop capability on the ground. The funding will support the Home Office's objective to cut crime as well as to reduce the harm to individuals and communities. Activity within the grant will be supported, co-ordinated and targeted through a SOC Community Co-ordinator within Gwent Police. The responsibility of the SOC Community Co-ordinator will extend across the entire force area but activity will be prioritised within the pilot area (Newport), working closely with key partners in local government, the third sector and private sector. The SOC Community Co-ordinator will be responsible for delivering targeted interventions aimed at those most at risk of being drawn into SOC and strategic communications in 'at risk' communities to increase resilience to SOC, reduce demand for illicit items and reduce tolerance of SOC in the community.
3. £85,000 of the Home Office grant will fund the gross costs of the SOC Community Co-ordinator and additional costs required to deliver the programme

of work. In addition, £10,000 is set aside for the evaluation of the project.

The remaining Home Office grant allocation of £150,000 will be awarded to the four partnership organisations (details below), in order that they can provide their services against the following criteria for the 2018/19 financial year:

- Prevention and Early Intervention.
- Community Resilience.
- Strategic Communication.

**MutualGain - £71,250**

**Crimestoppers - £36,502.80**

**Barnardo's working with Newport Live – £100,000**

**St Giles Trust - £60,543**

**Total £268,295.80**

The outstanding funding of £118,295.80 will be met from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Commissioning Fund.

The work of the above organisations will be monitored by the SOC Community Coordinator, who will report into the SOC Project Board every six weeks. Update reports will also be provided to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to ensure grant award outcomes are achieved.

4. I have considered the requirements under both Acts of legislation, the current service provision landscape, 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 the funding awarded from the Home Office to these partnerships organisations for 2018/19.

Each of these organisations will need to provide me with such information to reassure me that the funding allocated is being used effectively to provide a service that meets both my Policing Priorities for Gwent as stipulated in the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021 and also the requirements of the Home Office's grant award. By funding these organisations non-recurrently for 2018/19 I will be able to assess the most effective service delivery model for future years.

**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

5/10/18

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