

OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

LEAD CHIEF OFFICER: Chief Executive

TITLE: Partnership Fund 2014/15 Evaluation Report

DATE: 30th June 2015

TIMING: Routine

PURPOSE: For consideration

1.	<p><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></p> <p>That the Police and Crime Commissioner considers the contents of this report and utilises the recommendations for the next funding round process.</p>
2.	<p><u>INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND</u></p> <p>In May 2014, the Commissioner opened the application process to his Partnership Fund which uses monies gained through the Police Property Act 1997 and the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 to support organisations or community groups whose activities would assist the Commissioner's priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ To prevent and reduce crime;❖ To take more effective action to tackle anti-social behaviour; and❖ To protect people from serious harm. <p>The funding process was split into four key stages. Stage one involved the receiving and initial sifting of applications. In total, 501 applications were received during this stage with 248 applications progressing to stage 2. This second stage was designed to gain more information about the proposed projects and involved applicants being offered a one hour external visit by a member of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) during which an evaluation questionnaire was completed. The third stage was the final evaluation board made up of the Chief Finance Officer, representatives from third sector organisations, the Positive Futures programme, the Police and Crime Panel and the Gwent Youth Forum, along with the OPCC staff involved at stage 2. During this three day board meeting, 40 bids were successful in gaining funding totalling £156,951.44, 90 bids were either unsuccessful or signposted to other possible funding streams and five applications were funded through other avenues of Commissioner funding, e.g. the Victim's commissioning fund. The final fourth stage was the reviewing process with the Commissioner and Chief Executive during which the final list of successful applicants were considered and approved.</p> <p>A full report on the initial three stages of the 2014/15 Partnership Fund is available on request from commissioner@gwent.pnn.police.uk.</p>
3.	<p><u>ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION</u></p> <p>Of the 40 successful applicants granted funding, the decision was taken to dip-sample 12 and carry out end-of-year evaluation of the projects. The 12 which were selected were chosen because they either had clauses attached to their grant agreement which the OPCC needed to verify had been met or, they had applied for funding from the 2015/16</p>

fund and so would already be receiving an evaluation visit. All evaluations were carried out using an identical question-set which can be found in Annex 1. All of the 12 projects chosen for dip sampling received physical, one-to-one evaluations carried out by a member of the OPCC staff and two officers seconded from the Gwent Police force to complete the evaluations. Most of the visits raised no concerns and assured the OPCC that the funding had been used to create positive impacts in local communities.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Initial Aim</u>	<u>Outcome of funding</u>
Eden Gate Newport - £3,615	To run a project which will prevent people needing to commit crime because they have access to warmth and food via a night shelter.	The project has supported 86 individuals over the 2014/15 winter. As a result of the evaluation visit, the OPCC is confident that the project has supported all of the Commissioner's priorities and had a positive impact on vulnerable people in the Newport area.
Torfaen & Blaenau Gwent Mind - £2,500	To provide a safe place for homeless men who have no other access to support.	The project used the funding to purchase emergency cold weather provisions such as tents and torches for homeless men during the winter months. The OPCC felt that the project has supported the Commissioner's priority of protecting people from serious harm as well as preventing & reducing crime.
Duke of Edinburgh - £10,000	To support more young people in completing their Duke of Edinburgh (DoE) as well as train more DoE leaders.	The project supported a number of individuals and has reached some of the most deprived areas of Gwent including the Senghenydd Youth Drop In Centre (SYDIC) group in Caerphilly, Families First in Caerphilly and Rivermead Youth group in Newport. The OPCC is assured that the project is meeting the Commissioner's priorities of reducing crime and effectively tackling Anti-Social Behaviour.

<p>Aber Valley YMCA - £2,000</p>	<p>To provide somewhere safe for young people to go and enjoy themselves whilst still teaching them discipline and the laws/rules of society.</p>	<p>The project has seen an increase in attendance at their youth clubs with over 140 children attending on a Friday night. A high number of children attend from much further afield than the Aber Valley. As a result of the evaluation visit, the OPCC is confident that this project is supporting all of the Commissioner's priorities, especially that of taking effective action to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour.</p>
<p>Tillery Combat Mixed Marshal Arts - £5,000</p>	<p>To provide an environment for everyone no matter the age, background and history to train and progress.</p>	<p>The project has been very successful with the organisation seeing an increase in membership. As the organisation now host training sessions twice weekly for 15 youths who are linked to the Blaenau Gwent Youth Services as a result of the funding, the OPCC feel they are taking positive steps towards supporting the Commissioner's priority to take effective action to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour.</p>
<p>Show Racism the Red Card - £9,250</p>	<p>To fund a number of sessions within schools which raise awareness of racism and generational stereotypes.</p>	<p>Using the funding granted, this organisation ran 33 workshops which engaged with 1144 pupils at 15 different schools and approximately 150 individuals at the three club events. Feedback from the sessions showed that 100% of the participants felt the sessions had improved the young people's understanding of racism. This has reassured the OPCC that the funding has</p>

		been used to support the Commissioner's priorities.
Migrant, Asylum Seeker & Refugee Support Service (MARS) - £2,000	To provide a training programme for use with community groups, possibly linked to the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) methodology, to raise public awareness of the 'Gwent way of policing'. To provide a scoping document outlining how this programme might be tested and delivered to groups across the wider Gwent area.	The project signed up 14 individuals with eight completing the full programme. The topics covered included learning about the British Police system, the laws of Britain and what to do in an emergency. The OPCC is confident that this project has had a positive effect on non-British community groups and supports the Commissioner's priorities.
National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS) - £5,000	To provide various activities for young people.	The project has supported a number of vulnerable children by funding volunteers to take the children on excursions and trips. As of June 2015, there was some funding remaining which the organisation is hoping to retain to continue the project. This is currently being discussed within the OPCC. Of the funding used during the 2014/15 timeframe, the OPCC is happy that the funding has been used for the purposes agreed in the grant agreement and has supported the Commissioner's priorities.
Building Bridges in Partnership with Monmouthshire All-Ability Group for Inclusive Communities (MAGIC) - £10,000	To run localised 'Staying Safe' projects with integrated youth groups.	This organisation used the funding granted to provide 'staying safe' sessions to groups of both disabled and 'at risk' children. After reviewing the evaluation the OPCC is content that the project has supported

		the Commissioner's priorities and complied with the conditions of the grant fully.
Build a department of New Life Christian Church (NLCC) - £5,000	To create a lounge area and film room.	This project used the funding to purchase equipment to provide a safe place for 16-30 year olds. As a result, the project has seen an increase in participants and now see a number of individuals deemed 'trouble' by the community attending as a diversionary activity. This leads the OPCC to agree that the project is supporting the Commissioner's priorities.
Torfaen Legal High Forum - £2,500	To create, cast and edit a DVD on Legal Highs.	The funding granted has been used to create a DVD highlighting the issues of legal highs. Although the DVD is complete, it has not yet been released into schools which was the intended target audience. As such, the OPCC will be scheduling another evaluation meeting during the Autumn to gauge whether the project has met the Commissioner's priorities.
Bullies Out - £2,500	To train Young Ambassadors on the 'Bullies Out' scheme.	As a result of the funding, the project has trained eight young ambassadors in Gwent to support children affected by bullying in Gwent schools. The feedback gained in the evaluation has reassured the OPCC that the funding has supported the Commissioner's priorities.

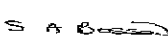
The small number of concerns which were identified during the evaluation visits related to

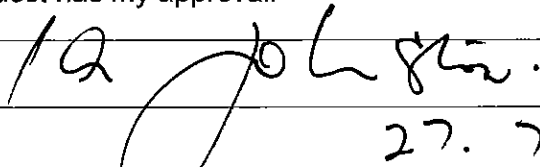
	<p>paperwork deadlines. These have since been addressed and the OPCC has received all end of year monitoring reports. A small number of issues were also noted regarding the process which will be taken into account during any subsequent fund allocation work.</p> <p>Feedback was also gained from the project leaders regarding the Partnership Fund process as a whole. Many commented that they found the process 'easy' and 'very user friendly' with no negative comments being made.</p> <p>Electronic copies of the completed question sets were filed and the 2014/15 fund spread sheet was updated accordingly.</p>
4.	<p><u>NEXT STEPS</u></p> <p>A small number of issues were noted regarding the process and will be taken into account during any subsequent fund allocation work.</p> <p>Firstly, if there are any additional clauses made within grant agreements, they should be made clear to the applicant before granting any funding. This arises from a number of projects evaluated at the end of the 2014/15 process not meeting all the conditions stated in their agreements because they were either un-aware of the additional conditions or because they did not understand them.</p> <p>Secondly, ensure the end of year evaluations are factored into the Partnership Fund timescales to ensure that those carrying out the visits can work them into their own personal, pre-existing work plans.</p> <p>The 2015/16 Partnership Fund is currently in action.</p>
5.	<p><u>FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</u></p> <p>The majority of the work used to carry out this evaluation and the fund allocation process has been met by staff work time. The additional costs of £217.43 related to mileage payments used to carry out the face to face interview process.</p>
6.	<p><u>PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS</u></p> <p>In order to complete the end of year evaluation visits in a reasonable timeframe, two members of staff were seconded from Gwent Police specifically to support the Partnership Fund project. A member of the OPCC staff also carried out a number of visits.</p>
7.	<p><u>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>Awarding of the Partnership Fund falls under the Commissioner's power to provide Crime and Reduction grants under Chapter 3, Section 9 of the Police and Social Responsibility Act 2011.</p>
8.	<p><u>EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS</u></p> <p>This project has been considered against the general duty to promote equality, as stipulated under the Strategic Equality Plan and has been assessed not to discriminate against any particular group. As the process was open to all, it has supported the equality requirements. The fund also supports the general duty required of public bodies under the Equality Act 2010.</p> <p>Consideration has been given to requirements of the Articles contained in the European Convention on Human Rights and the Human Rights Act 1998 in preparing this report.</p>

9.	<p><u>RISK</u></p> <p>There was an identified risk to the staff carrying out the external evaluation visits. In order to mitigate this, visits were risk assessed and staff were required to work to the 'lone worker policy'. (This included calling the office after a visit and allowing diaries to be made available to OPCC staff as well as ensuring the diaries were kept up to date.)</p>
10.	<p><u>PUBLIC INTEREST</u></p> <p>This report allows public scrutiny over the Commissioner's allocations of funds and is supported by the publication of the list of successful applications available at: http://www.gwent.pcc.police.uk/news/story/?xttnews%5Bttnews%5D=213&cHash=cb7202e43782d9c200ba593db70eb7fb.</p>
11.	<p><u>CONTACT OFFICER</u></p> <p>Neil Taylor – Head of Performance, Planning & Partnerships Michelle Vaisey-Baker – Business & Finance Officer</p>
12.	<p><u>ANNEXES</u></p> <p>Annex 1 – End of Year Evaluation Question Set</p>

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Consultation:	Tick to confirm (if applicable)
Financial The Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
OPCC The Head of Performance, Planning and Partnerships has reviewed the request and is satisfied that it is correct and consistent with the PCC's plans and priorities.	✓
Legal The legal team have been consulted on this proposal.	N/A
Equalities The Equalities Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	N/A

Chief Executive/ Deputy Chief Executive: I have been consulted about the proposal and can confirm that financial, legal, equalities etc... advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate report to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent.
Signature: 
Date: 09/07/15

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent I confirm that I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct. The above request has my approval.
Signature: 
Date: 27. 7. 15.

Annex 1

COMMISSIONER'S PARTNERSHIP FUND – FOLLOW UP EVALUATION SHEET 2014/15	
Name of Organisation:	
Admin Notes:	
Name of Evaluator:	Date of Visit:
Evaluation Question	Organisation's Feedback
<p>1. Have you completed the project with the amount awarded as per your original application? If not, what was not achieved and why?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Do you have any unspent funding?- If yes do you want to request to keep the funding for a specific purpose? What purpose?- Do you wish to return any unspent funding to the OPCC?	

<p>2. Has your project been successful and how has it met the Commissioner's priorities?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prevented and reduced crime - More effective action to tackle ASB - Protect people from serious harm 	
<p>3. Any lessons learnt? E.g. problems implementing the project / positive things to progress with</p>	
<p>4. Have you complied with the conditions of your grant?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Receipts viewed? - Logo used and viewed? - Additional Clauses met (specific projects only – see Admin Notes) 	

<p>5. Do you have plans to continue the project in the future? If not why?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will you be looking for further financial support? 	
<p>Additional Comments :</p>	
<p>Evaluators Observations:</p>	

