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| **Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision** | |
| PCCG-2023-017 | Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session |
| Subject | Serious Violence Duty Intervention Funding for 2023/2024. |
| Summary | The purpose of this paper is to record the decision to award funding to Specified Authority partners, under the Serious Violence Duty (“the Duty”), for the 2023/2024 financial year. |

**DECISION**

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| 1. | The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (the ‘Act’) provides that the ‘Local Policing Body’ for a police area (the Police and Crime Commissioner in Gwent) acts in co-operation with Specified and Relevant Authorities under the Duty, to make grants that fund interventions to prevent and reduce serious violence (section 14).  For 2023/24 financial year, an amount of £238,166.46 has been provided by the Home Office to the PCC for Gwent to support the implementation of the Duty, with £58,166 of this funding to support interventions. The remainder are for labour costs associated with delivering other requirements of the Duty. |
| 2. | Through a Gwent Serious Violence Duty Working Group, chaired by my office, a joint decision has been made to allocate a sum of funding to a range of Specified Authorities under the Act, to carry out additional activity to prevent and reduce serious violence across Community Safety areas and Gwent overall.  A number of Specified Authorities under the Act submitted a proposal outlining how they would use a portion of the funding to fund intervention projects for a 6 month period. Proposals have then been reviewed through the Working Group with agreement reached on how the funding should be distributed.  I have accepted the recommendations made by the Working Group to award a range of funding amounts to different intervention projects. The requirements under the Act have been considered both by the PCC and with agreement from all relevant partners.  The following allocations have been made to partners:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Project / Service** | **Amount Allocated for 2023 / 24** | | Aneurin Bevan University Health Board – to fund a Violence Prevention Coordinator based in Gwent’s Emergency Dept and Minor Injuries Unit, They will support individuals presenting with violent crime injuries by working with other agencies to manage risk and harm and offer onward support and referral pathways. | £20,000 | | Caerphilly and Blaenau-Gwent Youth Offending Service (on behalf of all YOS across Gwent) – to purchase Streetwise Education street crime/gang violence prevention resources, to train YOS workers and better support children and young people from committing future violent crimes. | £4,785 | | Newport City Council – to fund an expansion of the ‘Night Ambassadors’ Scheme in Newport who work in the city centre evening and night time economy, preventing street based violence and other crime and disorder. | £16,500 | | Torfaen County Borough Council – to fund 1-1 violence reduction mentors for children who have committed violent crime and additional workshops in schools to raise awareness of the consequences of committing violent crime. | £16,500 | | **Total** | **£57,785** | |
| 3. | 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, in order to monitor the progress of funded projects, and provide reassurance that funding allocated is effectively meeting the requirements under the Duty, and Policing Priorities in Gwent, as outlined in the Police and Crime Plan, grant recipients are required to complete 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 Working Group or Home Office recommends 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 proportionate, 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. |

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| **Mr Jeff Cuthbert B.SC., MCIPD, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent**  **This report has been signed by the Chief Executive on behalf of the PCC as per Part 3c, Scheme of Consent and Delegation, Paragraph 9 of the Manual of Corporate Governance** | |
| My decision is as I have recorded in this paper | |
| Signed | Date  07.12.2023 |

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