

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Title: Anti-Social Behaviour Victim Service
Decision number: 017/2017
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Protective Marking: Official

Executive Summary:

The Police and Crime Commissioner is asked to agree to the release of funding from the Community Safety Fund to support the development and delivery of a new Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) victim's service in Surrey.

A Service for Victims of Anti-Social Behaviour

In 2014 the Surrey ASB Strategy Group, in partnership with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey and Surrey Police came together to develop a support service for victims of anti-social behaviour in Surrey, with particular focus on those who are at high risk of harm.

The reforms to the ASB tools and powers available to professionals, introduced by the ASB Police and Crime Act 2014, were designed to put victims at the heart of the response to ASB and give professionals the flexibility they need to deal with any given situation. This was a positive step in the right direction but whilst front line staff were dealing with the ASB offenders, those victims that were experiencing repeat incidents of ASB, or are less able to cope due to their vulnerability, needed to be supported better. Therefore, it was agreed a new victim service would be commissioned.

Following a commissioning process a Panel consisting of the OPCC and Surrey Police agreed to recommend the contract be awarded to the **Alliance of Surrey Mediation Services (ASMS)**. They had proposed to deliver a service which would support victims through listening, coaching and signposting. The service was considered value for money and the ASMS provided a robust delivery timeline and performance monitoring framework. The proposed agreement is for initially for one year (April 2017 to March 2018) with options to extend if the service is proven needed and evaluated as delivering against the agreed outcomes.

Sum required: £60,700

Recommendations:

That:

- I. The PCC provides £60,700 of funding to the Alliance of Surrey Mediation Services for the development and delivery of the Service to Support Victims of ASB in Surrey;

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature: 

Date: 01/05/2017

All decisions must be added to the decision register.

Areas of consideration

Consultation

Wide consultation has taken place with appropriate lead officers, the ASB Strategy Group, Victims and Practitioners. All applications have been asked to supply evidence of any consultation and community engagement.

Financial implications

ASMS supplied accurate financial information including the total costs of the project with breakdown where the money will be spent; any additional funding secured or applied for and plans for on-going funding. The Commissioning Panel with the Partnership Policy Officer considers the financial risks and opportunities when looking at each application.

Legal

Legal advice is taken on an application by application basis.

Risks

The Commissioning Panel with the Partnership Policy Officer considers any risks in the allocation of funding. It is also part of the process to consider when refusing an application the service delivery risks if appropriate.

Equality and diversity

Each application will be requested to supply appropriate equality and diversity information as part of the monitoring requirements. All applicants are expected to adhere to the Equality Act 2010

Risks to human rights

Each application will be requested to supply appropriate human rights information as part of the monitoring requirements. All applicants are expected to adhere to the Human Rights Act.