

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

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SAFER STREETS TWO

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 Building on the successes of the Safer Streets projects, for Members to consider a Safer Streets Two project in partnership with the Police and the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC).

2.0 Background Information

2.1 In January 2020 the Home Office released the prospectus to allow Police & Crime Commissioners to submit bids for the Safer Streets Fund 2020/21. The objectives of the fund were:

- Reduce acquisitive crime in areas that receive funding – making residents safer and reducing demand on the police to focus on more complex crimes
- Build evidence about the impact of targeted investment in situational prevention in high crime areas to strengthen the case for future investment, both at a local and national level
- Grow local capability to undertake data driven problem solving and capture evidence and practical learning about how best to implement situational interventions to prevent crime

2.2 Newark & Sherwood District Council, together with the Police and the OPCC, put together an innovative bid and, in July it was announced by the Home Office that the Nottinghamshire bid had been successful and an award of £550,000 was made to deliver the actions set out in the bid as shown below.

Activity	Lead Organisation	Supporting Organisation
Bicycle Property Marking & Security Events	Nottinghamshire Police	Newark & Sherwood DC
Assessment and Oversee Installation of ANPR	Nottinghamshire Police	Nottinghamshire County Council
Establishing new community hub at Chatham Court	Newark & Sherwood DC	Nottinghamshire County Council
Safer Streets Patrol and Enforcement Operations	Nottinghamshire Police	Newark & Sherwood DC
Environmental Improvements (Street cleansing Repairs)	Newark & Sherwood DC	Nottinghamshire County Council
Neighbourhood Capacity Building + Neighbourhood Watch	Nottinghamshire County Council	Newark & Sherwood DC
Project Management & Governance	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	Newark & Sherwood DC
Street Lighting	Nottinghamshire County Council	Nottinghamshire Police
Target Harden Chatham Court	Newark & Sherwood DC	Nottinghamshire Police
Target Hardening General	Nottinghamshire Police	

- 2.3 Work has progressed exceptionally well on the project and it is anticipated that all the outcomes set out in the bid will have been delivered by 31 March. In due course, a report on the specific outcomes achieved through the work will be presented to Members.
- 2.4 However, what has been apparent throughout the project is the level of partnership working that has taken place and this has been instrumental in ensuring range out positive outcomes. Indeed, the Home Office have used the Newark and Sherwood project as a model for others to learn from and follow.
- 2.5 In order to build on the momentum that has developed as the project has progressed and on the partnership structures that have been put in place, the feasibility of undertaking smaller 'Safer Streets Two' project has been suggested by the Police and Crime Commissioner, if the Police and District Council were prepared to identify and commit additional resources.
- 2.6 The three main partners in the project, the OPCC, NSDC and the Police have undertaken some preliminary work to identify the areas that would be suitable for the project and money that could be made available.
- 2.7 A similar analysis of crime data was carried out to match that used in the original bid and three Lower Super Output areas (LSOA) in Newark were identified as having high rates of burglary and acquisitive crime. These are attached as Appendix One. It can be seen that these have borders with the current Safer Streets areas. This is useful as the ability to undertake similar interventions in these LSOAs will provide added value to the work already undertaken.
- 2.8 Home Office funding is not available for a second bid and therefore the ability to fund Safer Streets Two to the same level as Safer Streets One is not considered achievable however a potential funding pot has been identified by the partners that does make a Safer Streets Two project achievable, albeit on a smaller scale.

3.0 Proposals

- 3.1 It is proposed that a Safer Streets Two project is developed covering the Lower Super Output areas:
- E01028311 – Millgate
 - E01028294 – Barnby Road
 - E01028334 – Bowbridge Raod
- 3.2 The interventions developed in Safer Streets One have been reviewed and a smaller number of interventions are proposed for the new scheme. These are set out below:
- Burglary Reduction/Target Hardening
 - Communications leaflets Surveys
 - Vehicle Crime Prevention
 - Bike security
 - Environmental improvements
- 3.3 The funding for the project is to be provided by the three main partners. The proposed NSDC contribution is £34,000 and is available from the Enforcement/Cleaner Safer Greener Fund.

3.4 A funding plan for the scheme has been developed and is shown below. The total cost of the interventions has been costed at £109,186 and the contribution from each partner is shown below.

DRAFT BUDGET PLAN (2021-22)	Time	Cost
		£109,186
Burglary Reduction Officer	30 hours	£31,186
Project Manager/Support	15 hours	£16,224
Target Hardening		£20,000
Target Hardening		£10,000
4G CCTV x 15 (or Wi-Fi cameras)		£5,000
Communications leaflets Surveys		£5,000
Vehicle Crime Prevention		£10,000
Security Devices locks and GPS trackers		£5,000
Bike Register		£2,000
Environment		£4,776

Funding Source	£
NDC	£34,000
Police	£31,186
PCC	£34,000
PCC TH	£10,000
Total	£109,186

4.0 Equalities Implications

4.1 There will be a range of people from, for example different backgrounds, nationality, religions, etc. within the Safer Streets two area. All communications and engagements will need to be targeted appropriately so as to reach a range of communities.

5.0 Financial Implications (FIN20-21/9116)

5.1 There is £34,000 available in a reserve for Cleaner, Safer, Greener/Enforcement that has been identified as suitable for NSDC's contribution. The costs incurred by NSDC will be shown clearly within the financial system to enable reporting to the partnership. It is intended to spend the £34,000 within the 2021/22 financial year.

6.0 Digital Implications

6.1 None arising from this report.

7.0 Community Plan – Alignment to Objectives

7.1 The Safer Streets Initiative will align with the Community plan theme to 'Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, and increase feelings of safety in our communities.'

7.2 The actions proposed will assist in the delivery of this element of the Community Plan.

8.0 Comments of Director

8.1 The analysis has shown a need in the super output areas identified and the interventions used as part of Safer Streets One have proved effective in tackling these crime types. Money is available within the Enforcement Reserve and use of this money will leverage in two thirds more funding from partners in the Police and the OPCC. This is therefore deemed an effective use of Council resources in tackling crime types in the areas where they are most prevalent.

9.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that:

a) **the following selection of lower super output areas be supported:**

E01028311 – Millgate

E01028294 – Barnby Road

E01028334 – Bowbridge Road; and

b) **a contribution of £34,000 from Newark & Sherwood District Council towards the scheme be approved.**

Reason for Recommendations

To deliver a Safer Streets Two initiative in Newark & Sherwood.

Background Papers

Nil.

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