



Report to: Cabinet Meeting - 6 December 2022

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Report Summary	
Type of Report	Open, Key Decision
Report Title	Newark Safer Streets 4 Scheme and the Rural Crime and Prevention Programme
Purpose of Report	To update Cabinet on the Safer Streets 4 initiative and the Rural Crime and Prevention Programme and to agree funding for these projects
Recommendations	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) note the progress in the implementation of the Safer Streets 4 project and Rural Crime and Prevention Programme;(b) agree the use of the overage for match funding the schemes;(c) agree to the addition of £305,000 to the Capital Programme for Safer Streets 4;(d) agree to the addition of £49,500 to revenue budgets for Safer Streets 4; and(e) agree to the addition of £39,000 to the Capital Programme for the Rural Crime and Prevention Programme.
Alternative Options Considered	The alternative option is to find alternative to the match funding identified in the report.
Reason for Recommendations	By delivering the Safer Streets and rural crime initiative the council will contribute to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 In January 2022 the Home Office released the prospectus to allow submission of bids for the Safer Streets 4 Fund 2022/23. SLT may recall that NSDC was successful in bidding for and delivering a Safer Streets 1 scheme and in delivering locally funded Safer Streets 2 initiative. There were some changes to the criteria for this round of bidding. The bids were required to be made via the Community Safety Partnership and were required to be endorsed by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

1.2 The crime targets for the bids were also amended and could include:

Burglary (household and vehicle)
Anti-social Behaviour
Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)
Feelings of Safety

1.3 Police data was used to identify the areas of the district that met the above criteria. Two areas of Newark were selected as they were the most appropriate for meeting the criteria and increasing the opportunity for the bid to be successful. Two areas of Bassetlaw, centred on Worksop town centre were also selected.

1.4 The Community Safety Partnership put together a small project team to work on the bid and to identify the types of interventions that would be delivered if the bid was successful. The draft bid was submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for endorsement and subsequently submitted to the Home Office

1.5 In July it was announced by the Home Office that the Nottinghamshire bid had been successful and an award of £750,000 had been made to deliver the actions set out in the bid. The NSDC share of this was £374,000. Since this time the project board and lead officers have been developing and delivering a range of local schemes and activities to ensure that the project aims are met.

1.6 The project has to be completed by 30th September 2023. An update on all the projects that the district council is leading on is detailed below.

- **Target Hardening Tithe Barn and Queen's Court** –The existing door entry system is to be upgraded to provide a remote video entry system and improved door closure and locking system. Housing Colleagues are overseeing this work.
- **St Mary Magdalene Church Gardens** – This area was identified as a hot spot of ASB and an area where poor lighting and lack of CCTV resulted in an overall feeling that the area was not safe. The scheme to be delivered in this area is improved illumination by using 'Wayfinder' column lighting on the paths, additional CCTV and a joint project with the church to improve up lighting to the church and surrounding areas. Benches present within the gardens will also be relocated to improve lines of sight for CCTV.
- **Increased CCTV** – a number of town centre locations were identified as having poor CCTV coverage. Three additional cameras are being provided at locations agreed with the police to improve town centre coverage.
- **St Marks Precinct** – the area used for parking and deliveries below the precinct has been a location of crime, ASB and enviro-crime (graffiti and flytipping). A scheme to provide a new secure gated entrance is being delivered.
- **Shop Theft** – A small initiative to reinvigorate the shopwatch scheme and improve communication between business is funded under Safer Streets 4.

- **By-Stander Training** - to address the feelings of safety and address violence against women and girls a series of training events and campaigns will be delivered for night time economy staff.
- **Environmental Improvements** – crime and ASB is driven by many factors, one of which is the local environment. Localised improvements to the look and feel of the areas in the bid will be undertaken. This will include additional litter bin provision, relocation of street furniture and improved lighting.

- 1.7 The success of the Safer Streets 4 bid builds on the previous work that has been undertaken from the successful completion of previous Safer Streets funded projects. Over the past 4 years there has been investment of over £1 million in schemes to reduce crime. This has included target g-hardening of properties to reduce the risk of burglary, improved street lighting, provision of secure cycle pods, installation of video door entry at Chatham Court and additional Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras around Newark. All of this designed to reduce crime and make people feel safer within the district.
- 1.8 In addition to the Home Office funded Safer Streets 4 project the Community Safety Partnership has also been successful in securing funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner’s Target Hardening Safer4All Grant fund. This project is a Rural Crime and Prevention Programme for Bassetlaw and Newark and Sherwood.
- 1.9 The Scheme is being led by Chief Inspector Heather Maelor (the Notts police lead on rural crime). A grant of £200,000 has been secured to deliver the following interventions:
- Rural location risk assessment – business and homes
 - Target Hardening of business and homes to include access locations against flytipping
 - Crime Prevention advice
 - Partnership days of action and awareness campaigns to prevent rural crime.
- 1.10 This project will use the same governance structure as the one put in place for Safer Streets 4. The police are identified as the responsible accounting body for this scheme and therefore the Council will not be responsible for administering any grant monies.
- 1.11 Where specific interventions are identified for Newark and Sherwood it is anticipated that match finding could be used to supplement any actions put in place from the grant fund.

2.0 **Proposal**

- 2.1 Set out below is the breakdown of funding for each area of work.

Provide 3 x door entry system (Tithe Barn and Queens Court)	£125,000
Lighting Feasibility study and engineering report for improved lighting	£30,000
Gating St Marks Precinct	£4,000
Provide Way finder lighting	£100,000
Provide up lighting	£80,000

Environmental survey and improvements	£3,000
VAWG training (Workers in NTE)	£2,500
Shopwatch and Pubwatch Data Sharing App	£2,000

- 2.2 Within the bid there were elements of capital match funding from the council. These are set out below

CCTV upgrades	£10,000
CCTV new provision	£30,000

2.3 Rural Crime and Prevention Programme

In order to ensure that the Rural Crime and Prevention Programme delivers effective interventions within Newark and Sherwood it is proposed that the remaining £39,000 from the Police overage money received in 2021/22 for the use of Newark police station by East Midland's Ambulance service is used as match funding.

3.0 Implications

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection, Digital and Cyber Security, Equality and Diversity, Financial, Human Resources, Human Rights, Legal, Safeguarding, Sustainability, and Crime and Disorder and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

Financial Implications (FIN22-23/7956)

- 3.1 The following table shows the breakdown of the funding, broken down into Capital and Revenue.
- 3.2 Of the Newark funding, £20,000 will be delivered and claimed directly by Newark Police. Therefore, £354,500 will be available to the Council to claim based on expenditure incurred.

Deliverable	Capital	Revenue	Claimed by Police
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VAWG training (Workers in NTE)		£2,500	
Shopwatch and Pubwatch Data Sharing App		£2,000	
Vehicle crime			£20,000
Street furniture		£8,000	
Total	£305,000	£49,500	£20,000

- 3.3 £49,500 will need to be set up within the revenue budget, with equivalent grant to cover the expenditure.
- 3.4 Capital Programme changes requiring approval by Cabinet/Portfolio Holder Decision are as follows:
- £125,000 in the HRA Capital Programme for the works to Tithe Barn Court and Queens Court, financed by the grant
 - £180,000 General Fund Capital for the lighting works, financed by the grant.
- 3.5 Match Funding Expenditure
£30,000 increase in current CCTV Replacement budget, financed by capital receipts.
- 3.6 It is considered appropriate that the £30,000 match funding is funded from the £69,818.75 Police overage money received in 2021/22 for the use of Newark police station by East Midland's Ambulance service. This is currently held in capital receipts and will leave a balance of £39,818.75 for future community safety initiatives.
- 3.7 There is an agreed capital programme for upgrading the public realm CCTV and it is anticipated that the CCTV upgrades of £10,000 will be met from that existing budget.
- 3.8 The remaining £39,000 from the Police overage money received in 2021/22 for the use of Newark police station by East Midland's Ambulance service is used as match funding for the Rural Crime and Prevention Programme

Crime & Disorder Implications

- 3.9 The enforcement of enviro-crime has positive implications for the Council's Cleaner Safer Greener agenda and is supporting the community plan objectives.

Background Papers and Published Documents

None