

HOMES & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE
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SAFER STREETS FUND

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To update members on the success of a bid to the Safer Streets Fund and to agree a set of local actions to deliver the bid.

2.0 Background Information

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

- 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 Using county wide data the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) identified two areas of Newark where acquisitive crime was high based on the number of crimes per 100,000 population. These were the Chatham Court Area and the Lovers Lane/Northgate area. The actual defined geography of the areas is defined by the boundary of the lower super output census area for the two locations. The maps of the two areas are attached as Appendix 1 and 2 to this report.

2.3 The OPCC 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 bid was subsequent submitted in April. The bid for Newark was the only one submitted for Nottinghamshire

2.4 In July it was announced by the Home Office that the Nottinghamshire bid had been successful and an award of £550,000 has been made to deliver the actions set out in the bid.

2.5 As stated above the main focus of the bid was required to be around the reduction of acquisitive crime. Including vehicle crime. Therefore the project activities have been designed to reflect this.

2.6 The table below sets out the activities and the lead organisation.

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

2.7 The project has to be completed by 31st March 2021 and work has already started.

2.8 One of the key deliverables set out in the bid was the reinstatement of a Community Hub based within one of the NSDC flat units at Chatham Court. It is envisaged that this will create a multi-agency single point of contact to allow for community engagement across the range of housing tenures.

2.9 It should also be noted that the bid also allows for investment in the council's own housing stock to 'target harden' against theft and burglary.

3.0 Proposals

3.1 In order to ensure that the project is completed within the time frame and that the measures outlined in the bid are delivered it is propose that a small NSDC project team will established to plan and monitor those elements to be actioned locally. This will be led by Matthew Finch with representatives from Public Protection, Community Engagement, Tenancy and Estates Management and Environment Services.

4.0 Equalities Implications

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

5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 The Community Hub at Chatham Court will require the use of a single flat unit within the complex. This will mean a loss of income from that unit. The other match funding for the bid was officer time and small incidentals and this will be met from existing budgets.

6.0 Community Plan – Alignment to Objectives

6.1 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.’

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

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that:

a) Members are asked to note the success of the Safer Streets Bid.

Reason for Recommendations

To update members on Safer Streets bid and the actions arising from it.

Background Papers

Nil

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