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**Police and Crime**  
**Commissioner**  
**for Warwickshire**

## **Decision Application WPCC201712021-22 PCC GRANTS**

<b>Application Date:</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	<b>Name of Applicant:</b>	P. Williamson
<b>Application Decision Reference: WPCC20171</b>			
<b>1. Summary of the application</b> This application seeks approval for the annual PCC grant allocations for 2021-22 across several different categories, following a comprehensive application, evaluation and decision making process. A spreadsheet is attached detailing a breakdown of the allocations and this should be considered, along with the further details provided below.			
<b>2. Background information:</b>  The following grants were made available to bid for in 2021/22: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- £477,647 for Direct Awards</li><li>- £227,521 in Small Grants was made available for new small grant projects, with organisations able to bid for up to £10,000 per project (included in this is £68,000 of ring-fenced funding to support a countywide Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme)</li><li>- £59,995 for a Domestic Abuse Victims Programme</li><li>- £15,000 for a Reducing Reoffending</li><li>- £25,000 for Sports, Youth Diversion &amp; Youth Justice</li><li>- £173,381 (included in this is £14,132 for ECINS costs) to be shared across all 4 Community Safety Partnerships</li></ul>			
<b>2021-22 Applications</b>			
<b>Direct Awards</b> We had 10 Direct Awards made up of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 5 Warwickshire County Council Posts</li><li>- National Probation Service- Domestic Abuse Case Administrator post</li><li>- Warwickshire Police Rural Crime Team- Rural Crime Coordinator Posts</li><li>- Rural Crime Coordinator Project Pot</li><li>- Stratford District Council- Rural Crime Advisor Post</li><li>- Warwickshire Police Problem Solving Fund</li></ul>			
<b>Small Grants</b> In total, we received 48 new applications in December 2020 and January 2021. Split across the various categories - 32 were for Small Grants, 4 for Domestic Abuse Victim Programme, 4 for Reducing Reoffending, and 8 for Sports, Youth Diversion and Young Justice.			

### **Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs)**

We received 17 applications from CSPs made up of:

- 4 projects from North Warwickshire projects
- 3 projects from Rugby
- 4 projects from Nuneaton & Bedworth
- 6 projects from South Warwickshire
- ECINS across all 4 CSPs from Warwickshire County Council

### **Evaluation Process**

A thorough evaluation process consisting of several stages and level of evaluation were executed before final decisions were made. Consideration included whether projects would support the Police and Crime Plan in one or more of its four key aims (Putting Victims and Survivors First, Ensuring Efficient and Effective Policing, Protecting People from Harm, and Preventing and Reducing Crime). The evaluation also included whether a project represented value for money and if there was a need for the project in Warwickshire and if so would the project meet that need. Policies such as safeguarding, insurance and data protection were also checked, as was the financial resilience of each organisation. This due diligence was conducted in order to best ensure the safety of the public and the volunteers and employees involved in delivering the projects, and to safeguard public money.

In accordance with the Protocol for managing conflicts between the Leader of Warwickshire County Council and the PCC, decisions in respect of the award of grants to Warwickshire County Council were made by the Chief Executive pursuant to delegated powers under s.3.4.4 of the Joint Corporate Governance Framework.

In terms of the Domestic Abuse Victims Programme, due to the strength and number of applications in this category, the decision was taken to increase the budget allocation to £59,995 in order to fund another additional projects using the PCCs own local reserves.

In relation to the CSPs, their combined bid is over budget by £1,203 and a decision has been made to finance this additional cost from the PCC's own local reserves.

A full breakdown of the grant funded projects and how they are expected to contribute to the Police and Crime Plan can be seen in the attached spreadsheet. For those bids which were not successful, information on why they were not successful has been retained as part of the evaluation process.

### **3. Whether additional information/report is attached to support this decision application**

**YES**

#### **List of additional information/report**

- a) Original guidance for applicants detailing categories of grant available for bidding

b) List of awarded grants

#### **4. Expected benefits (non financial)**

See attached spreadsheet for Police and Crime Plan impact.

#### **5. Impact of not approving the application**

See attached spreadsheet on awarded grants. The expected benefits from these projects would not happen if this application is denied.

#### **6. Costs**

A full breakdown of costs can be found in section 2 of this decision notice and in the accompanying spreadsheet.

**Revenue:** Costs can be met within the 21/22 budget, supported by a draw down from the PCC's grants and initiatives reserve of up to £30,000, if necessary, to finance the areas where additional allocations have been approved to meet Police and Crime plan objectives. All grant recipients must comply with the grant terms and conditions and any unspent funding will be recovered where appropriate at year end.

**Capital:** n/a

#### **7. Savings:**

There are no direct cashable savings to the Police and Crime Commissioner's office as a result of the grants being awarded, however, they will help to deliver the Police and Crime Plan aims and objectives, which may deliver longer term benefits.

#### **8. Equality and Diversity Implications:**

All relevant policies apply.

#### **9. Treasurer's comments**

The costs of these grant awards can be met within the 2021/22 PCC budget, supported by a transfer from reserves of up to £30,000 from the PCC's grants and initiatives earmarked reserve, if necessary, at year end. Payments of grants will be subject to due diligence checks, and terms and conditions for the awards will be issued, prior to payments being made. The terms and conditions include a requirement for any unspent funding to be returned at year end, and if they occur, these will be offset against the required reserve transfers at year end.

The 2021/22 grants process has been comprehensive and awards have been based on specific criteria as outlined in this notice. Ongoing engagement will take place, and project performance monitored by OPCC staff during the course of the

year to ensure that they are delivered effectively. I am satisfied that this will provide further assurances on the value for money regarding the awards made.

**10. Legal/Monitoring Officer comments**

The process followed to award these grants is clearly set out in this decision notice. It demonstrates that a rigorous, open and fair evaluation process was followed to ensure that the grants allocated provided value for money and delivered outcomes required to contribute to the key objectives of the Police and Crime Plan.

**Decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner**

To approve the 2021/22 grant allocations and projects as detailed within this decision notice



**PCC Signature:**

**Date of Decision:** 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021