

DERBYSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD
INTERIM MEETING

Thursday 17 February 2011
10.00am, Committee Room 1 County Hall

AGENDA

OPEN SESSION

Apologies

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| 1. CSP Funding & Structure | Sally Goodwin |
| 2. ABG Performance Management Fund Bids | Howard Veigas |

**Date of Next Scheduled Meeting: 9 March 2011, 9.30am at Derbyshire
Police HQ**

DERBYSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES BOARD

Title	Review of Community Safety Funding
Report written by	Sally Goodwin – DCC Community Safety Manager
Action/ Recommendations	That the Safer Communities Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Notes the reduction in the Home Office allocation to £636,000 for 2011-12 and £322,000 for 2012-13.2. Notes the Government’s intention to transfer this funding to newly elected Police and Crime Commissioners at the earliest opportunity3. Approves the Spend Plan for 2011/12 as set out in the report.4. Further considers the Spend Plan for 2012/13 in light of the reduction in overall grant5. Supports the independence of each CSP where possible with a thorough review of delivery structures to achieve optimum efficiency of resources to ensure service delivery

Purpose of the Report

To approve the spend plan for 2011/12 following budget reductions and propose a review of delivery structures to achieve optimum efficiency of resources across the county.

Funding Position

Following the recent determination of individual agency budgets and the need to make savings internally the County Council and the Police have confirmed a 40% cut to their contributions to the eight three-way funded district Community Safety Officer (CSO) posts. In addition, they will also cut their contributions to the Safer Derbyshire Research & Information Team (SDRI) by 40%. All eight district council’s have agreed to a 40% cut to the SDRI Team acknowledging a reduction in support from a diminished team is inevitable moving forward.

The majority of the district council’s third contributions to the CSO posts remain largely unaffected as they are able to utilise their saving from the SDRI posts to support CSOs. Funding is set out in the tables below.

Post	County	District	Police
Community Safety Officers			
Amber Valley	£7,737	Totals vary per district	£7,737
Bolsover	£7,737		£7,737
Chesterfield	£7,737		£7,737
Derbyshire Dales	£7,737		£7,737
Erewash	£7,737		£7,737
High Peak	£7,737		£7,737
North East Derbyshire	£7,737		£7,737
South Derbyshire	£7,737		£7,737
Totals	£61,896		

Post	County	District	Police	Total
Safer Derbyshire Research & Info Team				
Amber Valley		£4,380		
Bolsover		£4,380		
Chesterfield		£4,380		
Derbyshire Dales		£4,380		
Erewash		£4,380		
High Peak		£4,380		
North East Derbyshire		£4,380		
South Derbyshire		£4,380		
	£35,040	£35,040	£36,480	£106,560

In addition, the police will continue to fund the SDRI Senior Analyst at an annual cost of £31,400.

At the last meeting in November 2010 the Board also agreed a spend profile for the allocation of Area Based Grant (ABG) totalling £537k, pending confirmation that ABG would be rolled into the County Council's finance settlement from 2011 onwards. It is now clear that no community safety related ABG has been included in the County Council's finance settlement.

However, on 9 February 2011 the Home Office confirmed that there would be a new Community Safety Fund (to be held by the new Crime and Policing Commissioner when elected) which consolidates:

- the Stronger Safer Communities Fund (this is the former £815,000 ABG managed through the Safer Communities Board)
- the Young Peoples Substance Misuse Grant (this is the former £130,000 ABG managed through the Drug and Alcohol Board) and
- the Community Call for Action Fund (none received in Derbyshire).

No capital is to be made available.

The Derbyshire allocation is £735,999 for 2011-12 and £372,344 for 2012-13 which roughly equates to a cut of 22% in 2011-12 and an overall total cut of almost 60% by 2012/13. This reduces the Safer Communities Board allocation to £636,000 for 2011-12 and £322,000 for 2012-13. This is better than planned in 2011-12, but significantly worse in 2012-13.

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service (DFRS) is also proposing to reduce its previous allocation of £48k to districts for ASB work by 40%. However, any funding from DFRS has yet to be formally agreed.

At the previous meeting, the Board agreed to support a spend plan of £537k (anticipating a 40% cut) as set out in the table.

Priority	Current Funding	Future Funding	Total Funding
PPO Probation Service Officers	£81,644	£81,644	£81,644
Alcohol Arrest Referral Workers	£57,221	£57,221	£138,865
Delivery of DAAT Strategy	£101,749	£101,749	£240,614
ISVAs	£52,019	£50,000	£290,614
ASB Officers (ABG element only)	£199,752	£119,851	£410,465
IDVAs (ABG element only)	£89,472	£53,684	£464,149
PPO Prison Officer Post	£11,395	£6,837	£470,986
CSP Partnership Programme	£200,000	£66,491	£537,477

Having agreed this spend plan, the Board may consider it appropriate to add the additional £99,000 to the CSP Partnership Programme which would give each CSP an additional allocation of £12,375.

This spend plan would, however, have a shortfall of around £215,000 in 2012-13 given the budget reduction to £322,000 and will need to be further reviewed during the year.

Community Safety Partnerships

The last Board meeting supported a SCTAG recommendation to explore the possibility of enhanced joint working as follows:

- Bolsover and North East Derbyshire CSPs merge/join
- Erewash and South Derbyshire CSPs merge/join
- Derbyshire Dales and High Peak CSPs formally merge
- Chesterfield CSP stands alone
- Amber Valley CSP stands alone or possibly links with Erewash and South Derbyshire

However, in reality district council funding in a number of areas has remained relatively intact. With the option of being able to call on the 'global pot' for any shortfalls it has meant that in most areas there is no need to fundamentally

review the CSP support teams, with the exception of High Peak & Derbyshire Dales. This has led to a desire for CSPs to retain independent identities.

High Peak & Derbyshire Dales are taking a long term view of funding and structure and acknowledge that they are unable to maintain their current support teams moving forward. Both areas have therefore agreed to look at supporting one partnership officer each in district in place of the current CSO and ASB Officer posts in both areas. The two CSPs are also well ahead in terms of identifying a terms of reference for a full review of partnership activity and delivery structures. This will be presented to the next joint HP/DDs Strategic Group meeting in March 2011 for consideration.

Derbyshire Constabulary has confirmed its intention to reduce the number of partnership sergeants moving to one shared sergeant between two CSPs by 2012. From 1 April 2011 High Peak & Derbyshire Dales, South Derbyshire & Erewash and Bolsover & NED will share a sergeant. Chesterfield will retain its own sergeant in the short term with Amber Valley retaining its current partnership officer, who is in fact a constable. From 2012 the Amber Valley post will cease and the Chesterfield Sergeant will cover both areas.

All CSPs have agreed that this is an optimum time to undertake a thorough review of delivery structures acknowledging the comments from some partners who will struggle to support the current plethora of meetings in each area moving forward.

Recommendation(s)

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- 3. Approves the Spend Plan for 2011/12 as set out in the report.**
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Title	ABG Performance Management Funding Applications
Report written by	Howard Veigas – Police Supt Head of Community Safety
Action/ Recommendation	That the Boards supports the SCTAG recommendation to fund all three applications

Information

There is £13,675 available in the ABG Performance Management Fund to support areas of work in relation to the LAA priorities/targets for 2008-11. There were no significant areas of concern around under performance in relation to targets identified in the performance report discussion at the SCTAG on 9 February 2011.

However, three bids were received which reflect ongoing work in support of the priorities as follows:

- Bolsover – HGV Park Feasibility Study: £10,000 reduced to £8,700* with other funding from the M1 Corridor HGV Crime Participatory Budgeting and Bolsover District Council. Support required for the commissioning of a feasibility study which would form the basis of a regional growth bid of £1m to develop a secure by design accredited HGV Park. (with additional development funding secured from local business). The application highlighted consistent problems with thefts from HGVs along the M1 corridor.
- North East Derbyshire – Safe, Secure and Responsible Kit: £2,975*. Follow on from a previous application. Window alarms, burglary packs and burglar alarm keypads for areas of targeted activity in relation to dwelling house burglary.
- South Derbyshire – Support for SDDC Sports Van which delivers positive activities around the district: £2,000. Other match funding £4,000 each from the CSP and from SDDC. To replace a current van with up to date equipment and towing capacity for activity trailers and allow the current van to be used as a spare to save on the cost of hiring an additional van during busy school holiday periods.

After some considerable discussion, including acknowledgement of the Board's previous comments, re the sharing of best practice and purchasing power across the whole county, the SCTAG supported all three bids to a total of £13,675.

Recommendation

That the Board supports the SCTAG recommendation to fund all three applications.

* Figures have been rounded up & down by £16 following SCTAG