

**SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT
CRIME & DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP**

REPORT TO: CDRP Board 1 February 2010
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PROVISIONAL 2010-2011 CDRP FUNDING PLAN

Purpose

1. That the CDRP Board agrees the provisional spending plan for financial year 2010 to 2011.

Background

2. 2.1 In 2009-10 the CDRP received funding from two sources, as follows:

Safer & Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF)

- o £90,120 total allocation (2009-10 figure)
- o A minimum of £22,847.00 of this was to be used as capital funding

CDRP Pooled Fund

- o £18,000 total allocation (2009-10 figure), comprising of contributions from partners (SCDC, County Council, Police, Fire & Rescue Service) of £4,500 each

2.2 SSCF money is allocated via the County Council, as part of the Area Based Grant, and County Council has advised the CDRP that they will be in a position to confirm our 2010-11 allocation in late April or early May 2010. The Home Office wrote to Chief Executives of Local Authorities on 20 January 2010, to advise that **capital elements of SSCF in 2010/11 will be reduced by 50%**. The County Council have asked the CDRP to give an indication of its 2010-11 spending plan.

2.3 Although the County Council is the responsible authority for this the SSCF, each CDRP has the power to decide how to spend its portion provided that this spending contributes to the purpose. The purpose is to support the delivery of projects that will contribute to the achievement of the outcomes, targets and indicators in Cambridgeshire's Local Area Agreement. CDRPs must provide the County Council with regular information showing how the funding is being spent and how projects are progressing. The County Council uses this information when it is asked to account to the Home Office or GO East.

Options

- 3.1 The South Cambs CDRP Executive Group met on 17th December and discussed the proposal and makes the following recommendations to the South Cambs CDRP Board

Project	Priorities this project supports	Revenue	Capital
TOTAL SSCF ALLOCATION		£67,273	£11,423
1. CDRP Partnership Support Officer	All priorities	£27,000	
2. CDRP ASB Caseworker	Core work of CDRP as identified at October 2009 meeting	£27,000	
3. Making homes secure from burglary	Serious Acquisitive Crime		£6,000
4. Community Chest	All priorities		£5,423
TOTAL REMANING TO BE ALLOCATED		£13,273	£0

3.2 The Executive Group will discuss how the remaining £13,273 revenue could potentially be allocated at its meeting on 27 January 2010, and will make a recommendation to the CDRP Board on 1st February 2010 for approval.

3.3 Project 1 CDRP Partnership Support Officer post (part-time)

3.3.1 The current post holder returns from maternity leave on 1st March 2010, reducing from 37 hours to 22.5 per week, as reported to the CDRP on 27 January 2009. The post provides support to the partnership in particular:

- preparing, monitoring and reporting on the Rolling Plan
- handling financial reports and invoices
- ensuring that meetings are arranged and documented
- supporting the various task group themes/priorities

Recommendation (a) Project 1 CDRP Partnership Support Officer post (part-time)

That the CDRP approves the allocation of £27,000 towards this post (including salary and on-costs)

3.4 Project 2 CDRP ASB Caseworker post (part-time)

3.4.1 It was reported to the CDRP on 27 July 2009 that from June 2009, this post was reduced from 37 hours to 22.5 per week in response to the reduced level of cases and following a request from the officer currently in post to reduce hours in light of health issues. Since then the ASB caseworker was on sick leave for in the region of 5 months, with cover being provided by the SCDC Community Safety Officer, and more recently from a Police Community Support Officer.

3.4.2 The ASB Caseworker has now returned to work, but will be on maternity leave from mid-April 2010 until March 2011. The CDRP will therefore need to fund the maternity leave as well as ensure that the post is covered.

3.4.3 The CDRP should consider the Strategic Assessment recommendation that the ASB Caseworker role needs to focus on working with parishes to address the priorities emerging out of neighbourhood panels to address low-level ASB, rather than merely focussing on individual cases.

3.4.4 In terms of funding, the CDRP will need to budget for the ASB Caseworker salary (taking into account the reduced hours, period of maternity pay and maternity cover). Exact figures are not available at the time of writing, but it is estimated that the amount required will be no more than £27,000

Recommendation (b) Project 2 CDRP ASB Caseworker post (part-time)

That the CDRP approves the allocation of £27,000 (including salary, on-costs, maternity leave and maternity cover) to address ASB

3.5 Project 3: Capital project: Making homes resilient to burglary

3.5.1 In 2009-10, the CDRP allocated £6,000 of funding towards making some SCDC properties more resilient to burglary.

3.5.2 Using Police crime data, two streets were identified and tenants were given the opportunity to have security lights fitted at the front and rear of their properties. At the time of writing the project is in progress, but it is anticipated that 200 properties will benefit from the project.

3.5.2 The project has been led by the Serious Acquisitive Crime Task Group who analysed burglary data and identified a number of roads that could be benefit form the scheme; however only two streets were chosen due the limited funds available. Additional funding would allow a similar project to be run in additional areas in the District, again being led by burglary data analysis.

Recommendation (c) Project 3: Capital project: Making homes resilient to burglary

That the CDRP Board allocates £6,000 capital funding for a project to make properties more resilient to burglary, to be carried out through the Serious Acquisitive Crime Task Group.

3.6 Project 4: Capital project: CDRP Community Chest £5,423

3.6.1 At the CDRP board meeting in October 2009, the CDRP agreed to return to the proposals to make capital funds available to Parish Councils and local groups to apply for a "capital crime reduction fund".

3.6.2 The Local Strategic Partnership has a “Community Chest “ system in place where local groups can apply for funds that meet the themes of the LSP; one of the LSP themes is “Safer Communities”.

3.6.3 The Executive Group makes the proposal that the remaining £5,423 of the capital fund is allocated to a CDRP Community Chest scheme, which will be administered under the existing LSP application and payment scheme, but with decisions being made by the CDRP Executive Group. The maximum available for each application is £1,000 which is within the Executive Group’s delegated authority. Applications will be expected to contribute to the CDRP’s 3 priorities for 2010-11.

3.6.4 Taking such an approach would make use of an existing procedure and streamline time and officer resources, whilst ensuring that the CDRP can make decisions using its experience and expertise. The funding will be ring fenced for use in the District only.

Recommendation (d) Project 4: Capital project: CDRP Community Chest £5,423

That the Board agrees to allocate £5,423 capital funding for the Executive Group to consider and decide on applications, and distribute through the existing LSP Community Chest funding process.

3.7 South Cambs CDRP Pooled Fund

3.7.1 The CDRP traditionally has maintained a Pooled Fund, with the County Council, Police, District Council and Fire & Rescue Service each contributing £4,500 each annually. At the time of writing there is just under £21,000 remaining in the Pooled Fund. This under spend has resulted during the year due to the ASB Caseworker’s sick leave and the PSO post costing less due to a secondment being arranged, which will be covered in more detail under CDRP agenda item 6.

3.7.2 The CDRP has always sought to take a commissioning approach to its funding. However, the CDRP recognises that identifying projects that make a real difference in the District can be problematic. Furthermore, bearing in mind the current public services financial situation, the District Council and Fire & Rescue Service have indicated that they will not contribute to the fund in 2010-11.

3.7.3 Therefore the Executive Group proposes that no partner contributions are made to the Pooled Fund this year, and that the remaining funds are considered for allocation at the July meeting.

Recommendation (e): Pooled Fund

That the CDRP agrees not to contribute further to the Pooled Fund in 2010-11, but will consider funding emerging projects and initiatives that directly contribute to the three priority areas in the Rolling Plan

Recommendation (f): Pooled Fund

That the CDRP tasks the Executive Board to draw up a separate Pooled Fund Spending Plan for approval by the CDRP board in July 2010.

Recommendations

3.8 That the CDRP Board approves recommendations (a) to (f)

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Recommendation (g): to be tabled

That the CDRP Board approves the Executive Group recommendation of how the remaining £13,273 SSCF revenue should be allocated (See table at 3.1 and paragraph 3.2)