

**ORIGINATOR: LIZ HOLLINGWORTH**

**DECISION NUMBER: 15 - 2015**

**REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION**

**SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION GRANT – FRIDAY  
NIGHT FOOTBALL**

**SUMMARY:**

1. The Police and Crime Commissioner can commission services that:
  - a) secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in Suffolk;
  - b) are intended to help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by, offences and anti-social behaviour.This is in accordance with the provisions in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. In applying this provision, the PCC will ensure that the services commissioned are also consistent with the Suffolk Police and Crime Plan 2013 – 2017.
2. Following discussions between Ipswich North West SNT and the OPCC this report seeks approval to award a Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant to Friday Night Football for the amount of £441 for activity between September 2014 and August 2015.
3. The funding will enable crime and disorder reduction activity focussing on the Police and Crime Plan objectives support effective community safety and crime prevention activity and reduce Anti-Social Behaviour.
4. The original application is included alongside this decision paper.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the PCC approves a grant of £441 for the period to August 2015 from the PCC's Police and Crime Plan Fund.

**APPROVAL BY: PCC**

The recommendation set out is agreed.

Signature

Date 23 February 2015

NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED

*for and on behalf of the PCC.*

## **DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner can commission services that:
- a) secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in Suffolk;
  - b) are intended to help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by, offences and anti-social behaviour.
- This is in accordance with the provisions in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. In applying this provision, the PCC will ensure that the services commissioned are also consistent with the Suffolk Police and Crime Plan 2013 – 2017.
- 1.2 This report seeks approval to award a Crime and Reduction Disorder Grant of £441 to fund Friday Night Football. This decision paper should be read alongside the original application (Appendix A).

### **2. PROPOSED ACTIVITY**

- 2.1 The award winning Friday Night Football project, based at Whitton Sports Centre (North West Ipswich), is led by the local Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT). The project started in 2011 and offers young people between the ages of 16 and 25 an opportunity to play free football at prime times of anti-social behaviour in the area.
- 2.2 The objective of the Friday Night Football Project is to reduce anti-social behaviour in the area from the previous year and contributes to the Police and Crime Plan objectives to:
- Support effective community safety or crime prevention activity through crime prevention initiatives aimed at reducing crime or ASB and raising the awareness of personal safety amongst young people;
  - Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) through preventing ASB arising and escalating.
- 2.3 By providing young people with sporting activities on a Friday evening and taking youths off the streets the project delivers a reduction in demand on local policing and supports the Safer Neighbourhood Team. The project reports that ASB in the area has reduced by 19% compared to the previous year.
- 2.4 The project currently has up to 45 young people attending every Friday night with new participants arriving every week. Funding from the PCC is requested to supplement that received from the FA Vauxhall Mash-Up scheme to pay for pitch fees.
- 2.5 Plans are in place to run more, smaller pitch, football games to accommodate all those attending. The project is also looking to expand to hold a yearly football tournament where attendees can play against local businesses, the sports centre and the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

### **3. OUTCOMES**

- 3.1 The following outcomes will be monitored and reported on to the PCC at the end of the project:
- Youth attendance - monitoring the number of participants and best attendance;
  - Promotion of the Friday Night Football Project;
  - Better relationships between the police and our local community and improved communication with local youths - an end of year questionnaire will collate feedback

from young people and SNT staff who help run the project. This will help to judge how the relationship between the community and the local police has improved and what improvements can be made to the project;

- Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour - ASB statistics for the year will be compared to the same period the previous year to see if there has been an increase/reduction in ASB on the North West area.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

4.1 The project currently receives a small amount of funding from the FA Vauxhall Mash-Up scheme which intends to support the project until August 2019. Following that it is planned that the project will be sustainable through participants running the scheme and contributing a small fee.

4.2 Funding of £440.80 is being applied for from the PCC to cover pitch fees at Whitton Sports Centre between September 2014 and August 2015. Equipment (footballs, cones and bibs) has been provided by FA Vauxhall Mash up.

#### **5. MISCELLANEOUS CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

5.1 The following conditions will apply should a grant be awarded.

- (i) The fund will be allocated to projects, initiatives or events in Suffolk which support the objectives set out in the [Police & Crime Plan](#);
- (ii) All grants are one-off payments that can be used to pump-prime a project or pay for a one-off event;
- (iii) The PCC is not be responsible for any on-going costs associated the project/initiative;
- (iv) In normal circumstances the funding will not be made available to support staff salaries, core business activities, overheads/costs associated with business administration or capital projects of the recipient;
- (v) Projects approved under this process should be completed in the financial year 2014/15 and only in exceptional circumstances will a carry-forward be agreed;
- (vi) The award must only be used for the purpose set out in the application or as approved in writing by the PCC. The PCC must be notified as soon as reasonably practicable if the organisation ceases operation, the project does not go ahead, or if an underspend is forecast. All underspends must be returned to the PCC;
- (vii) By accepting the award the recipient makes a commitment to acknowledge the PCC's support publically and must acknowledge the PCC in all promotional work, as well as display the PCC's logo in all publicity associated with the initiative;
- (viii) All recipients of funding will be expected to provide information on outcomes, including a written summary on how the project supported objectives in the Police & Crime Plan (a monitoring form will be made available to help with this process). The PCC also reserves the right to hold the recipient to account at the Accountability & Performance Panel;
- (ix) The award may not be used to support or promote political or religious activity.

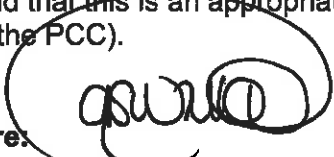
#### **6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:**

6.1 There are no major implications or risks associated with this decision paper.

<b>ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)</b>	<b>PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'</b>
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	Yes
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	Yes
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes
Have human resource implications been considered?	N/A
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	Yes
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	Yes
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	Yes
Have all relevant ethical factors been taken into consideration in developing this submission?	Yes

In relation to the above, please ensure that all relevant issues have been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission.

**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER** (this approval is required only for submissions to the PCC).

<p><i>for and on behalf of:</i>  <b>Chief Executive</b></p> <p>I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the (add decision-maker's title e.g. the PCC).</p> <p><b>Signature:</b> </p> <p><b>Date</b> 23/2/2015</p>
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**APPLICATION FORM FOR CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION GRANT  
UP TO £3,500**

**Name of Organisation** Ipswich North West Safer Neighbourhood Team

**Contact Name** PCSO 3207 Mark Page

**Project/event** Friday Night Football Project

**Date of event (if applicable)** Ongoing Football Project at Whitton Sports Centre

**DETAILS OF GRANT APPLICATION**

**What are you seeking to achieve from undertaking this project/event?**

The Friday Night Football Project is an ongoing venture which started in 2011. It was originally set up with multi agency work between the SNT and the Suffolk FA to offer youths between the ages of 16-25 an opportunity to play an hour's free football at prime times of ASB on the SNT every other Friday. With a growing numbers of participants the project was then extended and offered every Friday and also giving younger youths then chance to attend. Having been run for three years now, the project has gone from strength to strength and last year reduced anti-social behaviour by 19% compared to the same Friday's the previous year. The project has also been recognised at national level by coming third in the Sportivate awards after winning the regional Sportivate award in 2012. Also that year the project won 'Project of the Year' at the Suffolk Sports awards held at Trinity Park.

**How does this project/event support the objectives set out in the PCC's Police & Crime Plan?**

The objectives of the Friday Night Football Project are to reduce anti-social behaviour on the North West area from the previous year. Its aim is to give youths who would normally have nothing to do with their Friday evening, an opportunity to play an hour's free football in a safe environment and to also help out the Safer Neighbourhood Team by taking these youths off the streets, where they would usually be. Following a high turn out every week, we would also like to offer to opportunity of a tournament style event as well as an 11 a-side football game against another local team.

**When do you expect to complete this project/event and what are the expected outcomes?**

The project is an ongoing venture and currently has a small amount of funding from the FA Vauxhall Football Mash Up which is distributed each year for the next five years. To keep the project running we require additional funding for each of those years and aim for the project to be self-maintained by the end of that period. The outcome is to continue the work of the SNT to try and reduce anti-social behaviour each year and to offer the attending youths a different dimension to the project.

**There is an expectation that all grants awarded must deliver clear and measurable outcomes. Please set out below the expected outcomes.**

Good Youth attendance

Help to promote the Friday Night Football Project

Increase relationships between the police and our local community

Improve communication with local youths

Reduce anti-social behaviour

**Amount applied for £ 3,242.40**

**Please provide a breakdown of costs:**

Year 1 – September 2014 – August 2015 = £440.80

Year 2 – September 2015 – August 2016 = £540.80

Year 3 – September 2016 – August 2017 = £640.80

Year 4 – September 2017 – August 2018 = £760.00

Year 5 – September 2018 – August 2019 = £860.00

All costings are for pitch fees at Whitton Sports Centre after the funding has been used from the FA Vauxhall Football Mash Up.