

ORIGINATOR: DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

DECISION NO. 17 - 2016

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**SUBJECT: CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION GRANT TO
ORMISTON TRUST**

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. This report seeks approval to award a Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant to Ormiston Trust to support the introduction of a new facility and services for vulnerable disadvantaged/disaffected young people and families in crisis.
3. The grant will contribute towards an outreach/support facility which will help to 'make Suffolk a safer place to work, live, travel and invest' by contributing to the following Police and Crime Plan themes - (i) supporting vulnerable disadvantaged/disaffected young people/families, (ii) providing those families' most in need to make positive changes, and (iii) early engagement and intervention with parents.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the PCC approves a grant of £8,000 to Ormiston Denes Academy for the purposes of establishing an arms-length support and outreach service for families in crisis.

APPROVAL BY THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Tim Pannone

15th March 2016

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner can commission services that:
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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 Disorder Reduction Grant to Ormiston Denes Academy to support the introduction of a new facility and services for vulnerable disadvantaged/disaffected young people and families in crisis.

2 POLICE AND CRIME PLAN OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 Following the issue of the Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017 work has been on-going to ensure that the Police and Crime Objectives and the Plan's principal themes will be achieved.
- 2.2 The introduction of the new facility and services which will help to 'make Suffolk a safer place to work, live, travel and invest' by contributing to the following Police and Crime Plan themes - (i) supporting vulnerable disadvantaged/disaffected young people/families, (ii) providing those families' most in need to make positive changes, and (iii) early engagement and intervention with parents.

3 PREVENTING FAMILIES BECOMING "TROUBLED FAMILIES"

- 3.1 Government data collected in October and November 2011 estimated that £9 billion is spent annually on troubled families – an average of £75,000 per family each year. Of this, an estimated £8 billion is spent reacting to the problems (e.g. truancy, youth crime and anti-social behaviour). By contrast just £1bn is spent on helping families to solve and prevent problems in the longer term. It is increasingly recognised that targeted support for families in crisis can help to 'break the cycle' and thus reduce the burden on statutory and other services.
- 3.2 Ormiston Trust is a national charity which aims to improve the life-chances of children and young people. The Trust delivers programmes in the areas of education, child development, child support and promoting community well-being. Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT) is a not-for-profit sponsor of primary and secondary academies helping young people to maximise their potential; both academic and personal.
- 3.3 Ormiston Denes Academy, Lowestoft works in partnership with 9 primary schools ('north primaries') in an area with a high number of 'families-in-need' in one of the most deprived areas in the Country. The schools' in the partnership frequently need to work intensively with children and families in crisis where there are multiple issues such as anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder, substance misuse, domestic abuse, mental health issues, etc. Typically from disadvantaged and disaffected communities the families are often reluctant to engage with other statutory services.

- 3.4 However, Families are often more willing to engage with schools and as a consequence partners are working together with Access Community Trust to introduce a new arms-length support/outreach service for families in crisis. By exploiting the schools' considerable experience of working with adults with additional needs the service will be able to engage with some of the most challenging families, and, through the partnership help to positively address the needs of the family. The service will work from dedicated premises and will be made available to all schools in the partnership. It will also be maintained for the benefit of the whole community and will be available to other community groups for their use.
- 3.5 The Police and Crime Plan states '*Early engagement with a young person also provides opportunities to engage parents in services, which increases the chances of resolving the issues early. We must do all we can to engage with young people and their parents as early as possible. Positive action and inter-agency collaboration...will be the key in effectively supporting troubled families*'. Accordingly this project supports the Police and Crime Plan objectives.
- 3.6 The principle sponsors of this initiative are Ormiston Denes Academy and Access Community Trust and, it is recommended that the PCC also provides a financial contribution towards the establishment/introduction of this new service by way of the award of a crime and disorder reduction grant of £8,000 to Ormiston Trust. Ormiston Denes Academy has confirmed that contributions from the other partners (Ormiston Denes Academy, Access Community Trust and 'north primaries'), in the form of ongoing specialist support, staffing costs, accommodation/overheads and project support will match fund and indeed significantly exceed the value of the PCC's grant.

4 OUTPUTS/OUTCOMES

- 4.1 The below detailed monitoring information will be required at the end of March 2017. The provision of this information helps the PCC to better understand the issues affecting local communities in Suffolk, the nature of demand/unmet demand, and helps to inform future commissioning decisions.
- Numbers of children supported
 - Numbers of families supported
 - Type of services accessed by each family (e.g a breakdown in the
 - Facility use (the numbers of times the facility has been used in the preceeding 12 months)
 - Breakdown of usage/referrals (e.g. use by each primary school/Ormiston Denes and broader community use).
 - Outcomes for client families and statutory services (e.g. improvement in child's behaviour, reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour, completion of self-perception assessments such as 'Outcome Star').

The final report should be submitted to the PCC by 30 April 2017.

5 MISCELLANEOUS CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- 5.1 Full 'Conditions of Award' including conditions relating to transfer of funds, monitoring, and publicity and marketing are specified separately.
- 5.2 This award is a one-off award and outputs/outcomes should be delivered in the period 1 March 2016 and 31 December 2016.

- 5.3 The grant recipient may not use the award for any activities other than those set out in the Decision Paper or as approved in writing by the PCC.
- 5.4 The grant recipient must comply with the monitoring and reporting requirements set out in section 4 above. In the event of a failure to comply with these requirements the PCC may commence proceedings for the return of the monies, and it will be taken in account when determining future grant applications.
- 5.5 The grant recipient must be able to demonstrate that they are managing the grant in an efficient and effective manner, and are actively seeking to minimise bureaucracy and streamline processes in order to deliver the best possible outcomes.
- 5.6 If the PCC reasonably believes that payment is being made in advance of need, the PCC may change the timing and/or the amount of any payments.
- 5.7 The grant recipient will submit a full report and outputs/outcomes evaluation by 30 April 2017.
- 5.8 The OPCC must be notified of any potential risks that may affect delivery of the programme.
- 5.9 The grant recipient must notify the PCC as soon as reasonably practicable if the organisation ceases operation, the project does not go ahead, or if an underspend is forecast. Any underspend must be returned to the PCC.
- 5.10 By accepting the award from the PCC the grant recipient makes a commitment to acknowledge the PCC's support publicly and must acknowledge their funding from the PCC in all promotional work. Any recipients of funding must display the PCC's logo in all publicity for the life of the initiative. Logo artwork can be provided upon request. Any exceptions must be agreed with the PCC.
- 5.11 The grant recipient will liaise with the PCC's Communications Manager to agree a communications plan.
- 5.12 The grant recipient must be able to evidence appropriate safeguarding procedures for those using their services and have due regard for the Local Children Safeguarding Board policies and guidance. The grant recipient must ensure that its services, policies, training, recruitment, vetting and referral processes appropriately safeguard children and vulnerable adults.
- 5.13 The grant recipient shall ensure that third party recipients have adequate insurance coverage (including but not limited to public liability insurance) in place and shall provide evidence of such insurance to the PCC on request.
- 5.14 The PCC accepts no liability to the grant recipient or any third party recipients for any costs, claims, damage or losses, however they are incurred, except for to the extent that they arise from personal injury or death which is caused by the PCC's negligence.
- 5.15 Ormiston Denes Academy will be responsible for supervising and coordinating all participants while on their site. This will necessarily include all aspects of safeguarding, including health and safety.

- 5.16 The grant recipient agrees to indemnify the PCC for any costs, claims, damages or losses which arise as a result of negligence by the grant recipient or out of any breach of any of the conditions of award.

6 SERVICE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no service and financial implications over those stated at paragraph 3.5.

7 RISKS

- 7.1 There are no significant risks associated with the consideration of this report.
- 7.2 An assessment of risk in delivery of the service has been undertaken. This assessment has considered the value of the grant sought, the duration of delivery and the grant recipient's history of delivery and ability to deliver. Should there be any risk to the service being delivered the grant recipient is required to notify the PCC. The clear delivery programme required in the outputs should ensure that the programme is properly organised and supervised.

8 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is recommended that the PCC approves a grant of £8,000 to Ormiston Denes Academy for the purposes of establishing an arms-length support and outreach serves for families in crisis.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
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?	YES
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
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	YES
Have all relevant ethical factors been taken into consideration in developing this submission?	YES

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER

Chief Executive

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 Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signature:



Date 14 March 2016