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**ORIGINATOR: DEPUTY CHIEF
EXECUTIVE**

DECISION NO. 21 - 2014

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION GRANT –
TOWN PASTORS**

SUMMARY:

Police and Crime Commissioners are able to utilise their resources to commission services from anyone who can provide the community safety related services that they believe will contribute to their police and crime objectives. These objectives are set out in the PCC's Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017 and include various themes including a creating a safer night-time economy, supporting vulnerable people and reducing the damaging effects of drugs and alcohol.

Discussions have recently taken place between the PCC and Town Pastors and this report seeks approval to award a Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant to Town Pastors of £47,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the PCC approves a grant of £47,000 to Town Pastors for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015.
2. That the grant is funded from the PCC's Police and Crime Plan Fund.

APPROVAL BY THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Recommendation approved.

Signature

Tina Parnmore

Date 14/7/2014

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Police and Crime Commissioners are able to utilise their resources to commission services from anyone who can provide the community safety related services that they believe will contribute to their police and crime objectives. There is no maximum or minimum amount that PCCs must spend on community safety activity and they can also pool funding if they wish.

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 develop a delivery plan to ensure that the Police and Crime Objectives and the Plan's principal themes will be achieved.
- 2.2 Key themes of the Police and Crime Plan include creating a safer night-time economy, supporting vulnerable people and reducing the damaging effects of drugs and alcohol. The service the Town Pastors provide support all of these themes
- 2.3 Since the publication of the Police and Crime Plan the PCC has engaged extensively on the ambitions set out within the Plan and this has included discussions regarding the different ways of supporting and safer night-time economy and preventing the damaging effects of alcohol misuse. One such discussion has involved Town Pastors.
- 2.4 This report seeks approval to award a Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant of £47,000 to Town Pastors to contribute to delivering its service across Suffolk.

3. TOWN PASTORS (EXTRACT FROM BUSINESS CASE)

- 3.1 The Town Pastor scheme began in Suffolk in June 2006 with a launch in Ipswich with 20 volunteers. Since then the Ipswich scheme has gone from strength to strength and now eight years later they have a team of 172 volunteers - 75 Town Pastors who patrol the streets of Ipswich and 97 who make up the prayer base team. Two years later, in 2008, Bury St Edmunds launched its scheme, followed by Newmarket, Woodbridge, Sudbury and Stowmarket in 2009, Lowestoft and Felixstowe in 2010 and Haverhill in 2011; a total of 9 schemes countywide. Approximately 579 volunteers are involved in the schemes across the county of Suffolk
- 3.2 All Pastors are trained volunteers who:
- Look out for and support vulnerable people, providing assistance where appropriate.
 - Provide a presence of friendliness and care so people can enjoy their night out.
 - Defuse potentially aggressive situations.
 - Are available to people as listeners.
 - Encourage safe behaviour for all.
 - Foster good relationships between the public, the police, taxi drivers, door staff, other voluntary agencies and Local Authorities who are involved in managing the night time economy.
- 3.3 The Town Pastors are working in nearly every major night time economy (NTE) across the county. It is difficult to measure the impact of the Town Pastors on crime and disorder but the types of crime and disorder the Town Pastors will influence in their role, has fallen consistently across the county since the service has been in place.

- 3.4 The Town Pastors are likely to have the greatest influence over the following types of incidents to public disorder and anti-social behaviour (ASB). In general terms public order offences in the NTE's across Suffolk are mostly 'Public fear, alarm or distress ', around 70% of all public order incidents.
- 3.5 A recent evaluation report produced by Suffolk County Council states *"Looking more closely at the cost of crime to individual agencies (Police, Criminal Justice System, NHS) one incident of 'violence against the person' is estimated to cost approximately £10,400, a 'serious wounding' incident is estimated to cost around £21,422, a wounding (serious and slight) approximately £8,850 and a serious sexual offence can cost £31,438. If the Town Pastors help prevent just one of each of these crimes they would of saved £72,110. From research and interviews with professionals dealing with NTE offences, it is estimated that in one year (2012) one scheme, Town Pastors may have prevented 254 incidents which were reported under Preventing/Reducing Crime, Personal Safety & Wellbeing and Medical Assistance"*.

4.0 OUTPUTS/OUTCOMES

- 4.1 This grant award is made on the basis of financial and activity data being made available on a quarterly basis. The data should show the extent of Town Pastors activities by scheme area and provide high level information against the budget breakdown submitted to the PCC. The financial breakdown of how the grant is to be used and the data outputs and outcomes which will be continually monitored throughout the period of the grant award are attached. The key activities/outputs which the Town Pastors will regularly collect statistics on are attached as Appendix A.
- 4.2 The Conditions of Grant require that the Town Pastors consider how they might evidence satisfaction with the service.

5. MISCELLANEOUS CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- 5.1 This award is a one-off award and outputs/outcomes should be delivered in the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015.
- 5.2 Payment of the award does not confer any ongoing obligation on the PCC to make payments for the period beyond 31 March 2015.
- 5.3 This award may not be used for any activities other than those set out within this decision paper or as approved in writing by the PCC.
- 5.4 This award is made on the condition that if the Town Pastors service ceases to function or the grant is not used for the purposes set out within this decision paper the funding must be repaid to the PCC.
- 5.6 Town Pastors must be able to demonstrate that the grant is being managed in an efficient and effective manner, and that they are actively seeking to minimise bureaucracy and streamline processes in order to deliver the best possible outcomes.
- 5.7 Payment will be made within 21 working days of the receipt of a payment request and must be accompanied by the appropriate monitoring information.
- 5.8 The PCC will not pay in advance of need. 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.

- 5.9 Town Pastors will report provide regular progress updates to the PCC including financial monitoring and outcomes delivered by the service. An end of year report on the award of grants and outcomes shall be presented to the PCC and Town Pastors will be required to attend meetings of the PCC's Accountability and Performance Panel to account for the performance against the grant. Written updates shall be submitted on dates as specified by the PCC and an end of year financial monitoring report should be submitted to the PCC on or before 30 June 2015.
- 5.10 The PCC shall be notified as soon as reasonably practicable if an underspend is forecast and any underspend must be returned to the PCC.
- 5.11 By accepting the award from the PCC, Town Pastors makes a commitment to acknowledge the PCC's support publicly and must acknowledge their funding from the PCC in all their 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.
- 5.12 Town Pastors 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.
- 5.13 The PCC accepts no liability to Town Pastors 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.
- 5.14 Town Pastors agrees to indemnify the PCC for any costs, claims, damages or losses which arise as a result of negligence by Town Pastors or out of any breach of any of the conditions of award.

6. SERVICE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There should be service and financial benefits in terms of reduced costs and resource implications on the Constabulary as a direct result of the work of Town Pastors in preventing public disorder and providing welfare support to vulnerable people.

7. RISKS

- 7.1 There are no risks flowing from the consideration of this report. Should there be any risk to the service being delivered, Town Pastors are required to notify the PCC.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is recommended that:
- 8.1.1 The PCC approves a grant of £47,000 for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 to Town Pastors.
- 8.1.2 The grant is funded from the PCC's Police and Crime Plan Fund.

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 July 2014.

