

ORIGINATOR: DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

DECISION NO. 25-2014

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION
GRANT – SUFFOLK POSITIVE FUTURES**

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 preventing and reducing crime and anti-social behaviour and caring for vulnerable people.

Discussions have recently taken place between the PCC and Suffolk Positive Futures and this report seeks approval to award Suffolk Positive Futures a Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant of £85,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the PCC approves a grant of £85,000 to Suffolk Positive Futures 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



Date 13/08/2014

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 The themes within the Police and Crime Plan that Suffolk Positive Futures aim to address are: preventing and reducing crime and anti-social behaviour; and caring for vulnerable people.
- 2.3 This report seeks approval to award a Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant of £85,000 to Suffolk Positive Futures to contribute to delivering its service across Suffolk between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015.

3 CATCH 22 / SUFFOLK POSITIVE FUTURES

- 3.1 Catch 22 is a national charity that aims to delivery social value by turning chaotic lives around. The organisation works with troubled and vulnerable young people, families and offenders, helping them to steer clear of crime or substance misuse, do the best they can in education or employment and play a full part in family or community life. In 2012/2013 Catch 22 worked directly with 34,758 people, supporting a further 61,381 young people through national partnership programmes.
- 3.2 Suffolk Positive Futures is a Catch 22 service which continues to deliver a youth crime prevention programme previously funded by the Home Office. The social inclusion project in Suffolk uses sport and leisure activities to engage with young people aged 10-19 in order to steer them away from crime, anti-social behaviour and drug use and into participation, volunteering and education opportunities.
- 3.3 Activities are delivered county wide and designed to reach people at a time and place when activities are most needed.
- 3.4 Suffolk Positive Futures have a strong track record of delivery. In 2013/14 activities delivered on included:
- Over 1,000 young people engaged in the project;
 - 1096 hours of after school and evening delivery in deprived areas, 353 hours of Friday night activity and 240 hours of school summer holiday sessions;
 - 640 new (additional) young people engaged;
 - 24 young people (not in education, employment or training, in alternative education or referred from the Youth Offending Service) achieving an accredited award;
 - 69 young people received education advice and guidance on substance misuse.
- 3.5 Suffolk Positive Futures have a team of trained sessional staff who deliver the activities across the county. These staff are supported by volunteers, many of whom are former participants of the project and who want to give something back to their

local communities. Some of the staff members have progressed from participant, to volunteer to paid employees.

4 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 Suffolk Positive Futures activities by scheme area and provide high level information against the budget breakdown submitted to the PCC.
- 4.2 The following outputs will be reported on:
- Achieving 8,000 attendances to the project by young people;
 - Working with over 1,000 individual young people;
 - Upskilling vulnerable young people – 30 young people not in education or excluded from mainstream school working towards a recognised qualification;
 - Deliver 660 activity sessions for young people;
 - Provide 1,300 hours of activity for young people, predominantly in the evening;
 - Encourage at least 15 young people to take up volunteer placements with the project and externally sourced placements.
- 4.3 Suffolk Positive Futures will work to achieve the following outcomes, aligned to the Police and Crime Plan:
- Reduce Re-offending by:
 - o supporting integrated offender management to tackle prolific and priority offenders;
 - o diverting young people from the criminal justice system by assessing needs and early intervention.
 - Prevent the damaging effects of drugs and alcohol on lives, crime levels and the night-time economy by raising awareness of responsible alcohol use.
 - Support crime prevention activity through initiatives aimed at reducing crime or ASB.
 - Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) through initiatives to prevent ASB arising or escalating.
 - Providing families most in need with support to make positive changes.
- 4.4 Suffolk Positive Futures will ensure the most deprived areas of the county are targeted and delivered to and evidence satisfaction with and impact of the programme, incorporating feedback from parents and young people, statistics and case studies.
- 4.5 Furthermore, the project will work to ensure value for money through bringing in further investment to further support young people during 2014/15.

5 MISCELLANEOUS CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- 5.1 A separate grant agreement sets out the full 'Conditions of Award' including conditions relating to transfer of funds, monitoring, and publicity and marketing. The primary conditions being as follows.
- 5.2 This award applies for one year and outputs/outcomes should be delivered in the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015. Payment of the award does not confer any ongoing obligation on the PCC to make payments beyond 2014/15.

- 5.3 Any third parties receiving funding from Positive Futures must be able to demonstrate how they will work towards a position of self-sustainability.
- 5.4 To avoid a long term commitment the grant should not normally be utilised to fund posts. If, as an exception, it is proposed to fund posts, approval must be sought from the PCC.
- 5.5 This award may not be used for any activities other than those set out in the business case submitted by Suffolk Positive Futures, or as approved in writing by the PCC.
- 5.6 The funds provided under this award may not be used to purchase capital items.
- 5.7 Suffolk Positive Futures 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.
- 5.8 Payment will be made within 21 working days of the receipt of a payment request and must be accompanied by the appropriate monitoring information.
- 5.9 Payment will not be made 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.
- 5.10 Suffolk Positive Futures will formally report on progress including financial monitoring and outcomes delivered to the PCC's Accountability and Performance Panel. An end of year report on the award of grants and outcomes shall be presented at the Accountability and Performance Panel on 28 April 2015.
- 5.11 The PCC shall be notified as soon as reasonably practicable if an underspend is forecast and any underspend must be returned to the PCC.
- 5.12 By accepting the award from the PCC, Suffolk Positive Futures 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.
- 5.13 Suffolk Positive Futures 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 Suffolk Positive Futures 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 Suffolk Positive Futures agrees to indemnify the PCC for any costs, claims, damages or losses which arise as a result of negligence by Suffolk Positive Futures 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, demand and resource implications on the Constabulary and other partners as a direct result of the work of Suffolk Positive Futures in preventing crime and providing support to vulnerable people.

- 6.2 Suffolk Positive Futures will also bring in additional investment to the project to directly support work with young people.

7 RISKS

- 7.1 There are no risks flowing from the consideration of this report.
- 7.2 Suffolk Positive Futures will be required to regularly assess and monitor risks, of both individual projects and to the organisation. Should there be any risk to the service being delivered Suffolk Positive Futures are required to notify the PCC.

8 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is recommended that the PCC approves a grant of £85,000 for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 to Suffolk Positive Futures and that 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

13/8/2017