

ORIGINATOR: HEAD OF COMMISSIONING

DECISION NO. 29 - 2020

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION GRANT –
CATCH22 SUFFOLK POSITIVE FUTURES**

SUMMARY:

1. In accordance with the provisions in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 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.

In applying this provision, the PCC will ensure that the services commissioned are consistent with the Suffolk Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021.
2. The PCC awarded a grant extension to Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures from 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020 in order to minimise disruption to the service during both the PCC pre-election period and development of a new Police and Crime Plan.
3. With the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic the PCC elections scheduled for 7 May 2020 were postponed. A decision was taken not to publish a new Police and Crime Plan in 2020 with the consequence that plans for re-commissioning services to align with a new Police and Crime Plan have also been delayed.
4. This report seeks approval to award a grant to Catch22 for the amount of £42,500 for the period 1 October 2020 to 31 March 2021 to deliver the service.
5. The funding will enable crime and disorder reduction activity and support the Police and Crime Plan objectives by 'caring about communities' (and in particular keeping young people safe and deterring them from committing crime) and protecting vulnerable communities by preventing and reducing ASB.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. It is recommended that the PCC awards grant funding of £42,500 to Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures for the period 1 October 2020 to 31 March 2021.

APPROVAL BY THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

The recommendation set out is agreed.

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Signature:

Date: 04.12.2020

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 A key part of the Police and Crime Commissioner's role is to commission services that help reduce demand on the Constabulary and support victims of crime. The PCC's commissioning budget in 2020/21 is £1.7m for both crime and disorder reduction grants and grants for victim services. This includes the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) grant to the PCC for the delivery of services to victims of crime including child sexual abuse (CSA).
- 1.2 [PCC decision 9-2020](#) set out a recommendation for the continuity of crime and disorder reduction grants and grants for victim services until 30 September 2020 by way of extending current grants in order to cover the PCC pre-election period up to 7 May 2020 and in the following period when it was expected that a new Police and Crime Plan would be published.
- 1.3 With the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020 the scheduled PCC elections were postponed until 2021 and a decision was taken not to publish a new Police and Crime Plan in 2020, to which new commissioned services and grant awards would have been aligned. As a consequence, the arrangements for PCC funded services in Suffolk have been reviewed to ensure that services continue within the financial year 2020/21.
- 1.4 This report seeks approval from the PCC to award a grant extension to support the delivery of Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures for the period 1 October 2020 to 31 March 2021.

2 POLICE AND CRIME PLAN OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 Suffolk Positive Futures directly contributes to the following objectives and themes within the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021:

Objective 2: Caring about victims, communities, the local economy and our people:

- Work to help keep young people safe, deter them from committing crime and inspire them to achieve.

Objective 3: Protecting the most vulnerable people and communities by preventing, reducing and solving crime and ASB:

- Work with partners to ensure we deliver efficient and effective services.
- Continue with activities to tackle drugs and substance misuse.
- Work with partners to reduce re-offending and transform rehabilitation.

3 CATCH22 SUFFOLK POSITIVE FUTURES

- 3.1 Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures have been funded since 2014/15 to deliver the service.
- 3.2 Catch22 is a charity that aims to deliver 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.
- 3.3 Suffolk Positive Futures is a sport based social inclusion project, using 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. Young people are enabled to move forward with their lives and become positive role models and responsible citizens.

- 3.4 Activities are delivered county wide and designed to reach young people on the streets, on estates and at times when activities are most needed.
- 3.5 Suffolk Positive Futures have a team of trained sessional staff who deliver the activities across the county. Staff are local and know the community. They are supported by volunteers, many of which are former participants of the project who want to give something back to their local communities. Some of the staff members have progressed from young person, to volunteer to paid employees.
- 3.6 Young people, families and communities are encouraged to help shape the service through regular consultation. Hard to reach groups are targeted through partnership work with local agencies including the Youth Offending Service, Leaving Care Service and Social Services.

SERVICE DELIVERY FROM 1 APRIL 2020 – 31 SEPTEMBER 2020

- 3.7 Suffolk Positive Futures halted all face-to-face activities at the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic until the service was able to deliver activities and engage with the young people safely.
- 3.8 Suffolk Positive Futures liaised with funding providers on perceived challenges to service delivery during the pandemic. Funding extensions were secured to ensure continuity of service while adapting activities to continue engaging with young people. This included innovative use of technology to deliver online sports challenges and use of social media. Safeguarding young people remains central to delivery.
- 3.9 The 2020/21 interim report stated the following project outcomes:
 - The project worked with 272 young people
 - 1459 attendances/ contacts were achieved
 - 17 young people not in education worked towards a recognised qualification
 - 210 hours of activity were provided during the period
 - 17 young people have taken up volunteering placements
 - 118 activity sessions were delivered to areas including Ipswich, Lowestoft, Leiston, Haverhill, Newmarket, Mildenhall & Brandon
 - 24 young people completed questionnaires in relation to the impact the project has had on their lives
- 3.10 Project outcomes were achieved through the implementation of new initiatives such as Online Sports Challenge which aimed to get young people participating in sports-based challenges which were shared online. Other sport sessions previously run face-to-face were adapted for online delivery allowing young people to stay fit and active.
- 3.11 Following easing of lockdown restrictions during the summer months, two face-to-face summer sports holiday programmes were delivered in Ipswich and Lowestoft. These projects were run in partnership with Ipswich Borough Council.
- 3.12 Parent feedback shows the impact on service users engaged with the project:

"I would like to say a big thank you for providing the jumpers for goalposts scheme this summer. I have followed the group around the parks of Ipswich with my 12 year old son and his friends and they have loved every minute of it!

My son has never had the confidence to join any clubs no matter how much we have encouraged him. His confidence has certainly grown since he joined the scheme,

Kirsty, Snowy and Mickey have been an amazing influence on him and I'm very grateful to you and them."

"I just wanted to pass on my thanks for another wonderful summer of sport in the form of Jumpers for goalposts. My son has enjoyed these sessions for a number of years and he was dreading that they wouldn't be able to run this year so was thoroughly chuffed when we saw that they would indeed be able to go ahead.

Not only do these sessions bring a much needed activity for the kids to go to and not hang around the streets it also gets youngsters out of the house (and off the ps4) in a safe, controlled environment of which I feel comfortable leaving him at whilst using the park facilities for my younger children.

The covid safety measures the coaches have gone too to make sure the youngsters are safe has been great and we would like to send our thanks."

4 MONITORING AND OUTCOMES

- 4.1 This grant award is made on the basis of financial and activity data being made available to the PCC. A monitoring report will be required at year end setting out activity and progress towards outcomes, along with financial expenditure.
- 4.2 Monitoring will indicate the extent of Suffolk Positive Futures activities 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 will be continually monitored throughout the period of the grant award.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Funding of £42,500 is being requested for the rest of the financial year from the PCC's commissioning budget addressing Crime and Disorder Reduction.
- 5.2 Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures has raised funding from other sources year on year and has continued to do this during 2020/21. They estimate that, in 2019/20, for every £1 invested from the Suffolk Police & Crime Commissioner (£85,000), £1.08p of additional funding has been secured by the project, ensuring the impact of the PCC's investment goes further and is felt wider across the county.

6 OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

- 6.1 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. The monitoring arrangements outlined in the conditions of award reflect the fact that Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures have successfully delivered the service and regularly report on activity and outcomes.
- 6.2 The OPCC recognises that it unlikely that key performance indicators will be delivered in the same order as previous years because of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 6.3 Should there be any risk to the service being delivered, Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures are required to notify the PCC.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS


- 7.1 It is recommended that the PCC awards grant funding of £42,500 to Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures for the period 1 October 2020 to 31 March 2021.

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: 01.12.2020