



*Making Suffolk a safer place to live, work, travel and invest*

**ORIGINATOR: HEAD OF COMMISSIONING**

**DECISION NUMBER: 20 - 2022**

**REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION**

**SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION GRANT – CATCH22 SUFFOLK POSITIVE FUTURES 2022/23 FUNDING**

**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.
2. This report seeks approval to award a Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant to Catch22 for £75,000 to contribute to delivering Suffolk Positive Futures across Suffolk for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.
3. The project delivers an 'early intervention' approach to tackling crime and anti-social behaviour by providing a compelling alternative for young people through the delivery of sports-based activity.
4. The funding will enable crime and disorder reduction activity and support Objective 2 in the Police and Crime Plan by investing in an initiative which prevents and reduces crime.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. It is recommended that the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) awards grant funding of £75,000 to Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

**APPROVAL BY: PCC**

The recommendation set out above is agreed.



**Signature:**

**Date: 27 June 2022**

## **DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) 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.
- 1.2 This report seeks approval from the PCC to award a grant of £75,000 to support the delivery of a programme of activities by Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

### **2. POLICE AND CRIME PLAN OBJECTIVES**

- 2.1 In February 2022, a new Police and Crime Plan for the period 2022-2025 was published. Objective 2 sets out the intention to provide services which support victims of crime and invest in initiatives which reduce crime.
- 2.2 The proposed grant to Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures will contribute to the following activity within Objective 2:
- Use crime and disorder reduction funding to divert young people from crime and seek to work with the Constabulary and partners to reduce reoffending.
  - Consider with the Constabulary areas where investment might reduce non-crime demand on the police.
  - Reducing re-offending and preventing crime.
  - Initiatives which reduce the demand on the police in particular policing the night-time economy (NTE), anti-social behaviour (ASB) and reducing crime and disorder in our towns.
  - The impact of substance misuse on crime and disorder.
  - Supporting young people – this could include initiatives which divert young people from criminality, enhance their skills or provide crime prevention advice and supports them so they do not become victims.

### **3. CATCH22 SUFFOLK POSITIVE FUTURES**

- 3.1 Catch22 is a charity that describes itself as a not for profit business with a social mission. The organisation works across five areas: justice; education; vocational training and employability; young people and families; and National Citizen Service to design and deliver services that build resilience and aspiration in people of all ages within communities across the UK.
- 3.2 Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures is designed to reach young people on streets and estates, at times when they are most in need. Over the last eighteen years the project has been transforming young people's lives and making a significant impact in some of the most deprived communities in Suffolk.
- 3.3 The project does this by providing long-term support to vulnerable 10 – 19 year olds at risk of crime and ASB, primarily through sports based activity. It also delivers projects such as holiday

hunger and summer diversionary projects, sports leadership qualifications, drug and alcohol and healthy living awareness raising sessions.

- 3.4 The project delivers an 'early intervention' approach to tackling crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) by providing a compelling alternative. The project contributes to a number of key priorities in relation to making Suffolk a safer area for all by:
- Diverting young people from involvement in ASB & gang related activity, especially the young people on the periphery of this activity.
  - Supporting local communities to tackle ASB, through engagement and diversion.
  - Addressing the risk factors and strengthening the protective factors to enable young people to choose leadership and positive community action instead of crime.
  - Reducing crime and, by preventing offending and anti-social behaviour, decreasing demand for front-line criminal justice services.
- 3.5 The PCC has provided grant funding for the Suffolk Positive Futures project since 2014/15. The PCC funding supports the Project Manager and Coordinator posts with funding for sessional staff and delivery generated through a wide variety of other partners including charitable foundations and local authorities.
- 3.6 Suffolk Positive Futures runs projects in areas of high deprivation and where higher rates of crime and ASB are reported in order to engage the most vulnerable young people in Suffolk. Specific areas with ongoing delivery commitments include: Ipswich, Lowestoft, Leiston, Hadleigh, Haverhill, Brandon, Newmarket and Mildenhall.

#### SERVICE DELIVERY AND IMPACT

- 3.7 The Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures annual report to the PCC for 2021/22 shows:
- 1,187 individual young people were engaged in the programme through the year.
  - 25% of participants were girls and 21% of participants were from a Black, Asian or other minority ethnic background.
  - 20 young people not in education worked towards a recognised qualification in the period.
  - 15 young people started volunteering placements.
  - 100% of respondents felt supported by the project during pandemic 'lockdown' periods and 96% felt safe at sessions with the measures put into place to stop the spread of Covid-19.
  - 91% of participants surveyed felt safer in their community as a result of participation.
  - 93% felt more confident in their ability to make positive life choices as a result of the service.
- 3.8 Young people who have engaged with the services during the year report improvements in physical and mental health and Suffolk Positive Futures have captured feedback in their annual report to the PCC, illustrating the positive effect on young people and their parents.
- 3.9 Examples of new work with partners on crime and disorder initiatives and projects to address local ASB include the new Maple Park Sports project (May 2021), monthly Northgate High School sessions (June 2021) and North Lowestoft/Gunton estate sessions (Oct 2021).
- 3.10 The recommended grant will build on the delivery to date and, to ensure alignment with the new Police and Crime Plan 2022-25 for Suffolk, Catch22 have been requested to:
- Work with the Youth Justice Service and Suffolk Constabulary to encourage (and capture volume of) referrals of young people known to the criminal justice system or those are vulnerable to criminal activities and exploitation. The project's work in reducing crime

and ASB and preventing offending is intended to decrease the demand for front line services.

- Agree with the OPCC new measures evidencing the impact of the project on young people, crime and disorder reduction and anti-social behaviour and feeling of safety in local communities.
- Review areas of delivery in line with data, identified need and professional opinion from police and partners.
- Consider alternative models to cover core costs of the project.

#### **4. MONITORING AND OUTCOMES**

4.1 Monitoring will be undertaken at six months and year end through written reports setting out activity and progress towards outcomes, along with financial expenditure. These reports will be supplemented by quarterly meetings between the OPCC and Catch22. A final report will be submitted to the PCC by 28 April 2023.

4.2 In 2022/23, the service outputs will include:

- Opportunities for 1,300 young people to engage in the programme.
- 10,000 attendances to the project.
- Opportunities for 20 vulnerable young people not in school or mainstream education to gain a recognised qualification.
- 1,100 hours of activity for young people, predominantly in the evening.
- A minimum of 15 young people to take up volunteering placements with the project.
- Target and deliver the project to the most deprived areas of the county.

4.3 Service outcomes (as stated within the application for funding) were:

- Young people in local communities making positive decisions.
- Young people are offered a positive alternative to crime, violence and ASB as well as providing a place where young people can be safe.
- Exit routes into other provision/volunteering/employment opportunities.
- Young people integrating better with local community.
- Social return on investment.

4.4 Areas of particular focus and development this year are set out in section 3.10 above.

#### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The total project cost is £150k. It is recommended that the PCC approves a grant of £75,000 from his commissioning budget for the delivery of Suffolk Positive Futures in 2022/23.

5.2 This level of funding is commensurate with the grant in 2021/22 and will be used towards the costs of the full-time permanent Project Manager and Coordinator salaries.

5.3 Funding for sessional staff and delivery costs is generated through a wide variety of other sources including charitable foundations (local and national) and local authorities. The project makes full use of volunteers including those who have used the service in the past and want to give something back to the project.

5.4 Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures has raised funding from other sources year on year and for every £1 invested from the PCC on average another £0.94p of additional funding has been secured by the project.

**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 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 Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) awards grant funding of £75,000 to Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

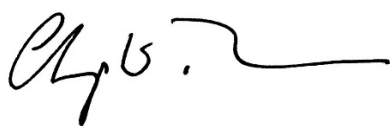
<b>ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)</b>	<b>PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'</b>
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	<b>NO</b>
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	<b>NO</b>
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis,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

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**

**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 PCC.



**Signature:**

**Date: 23 June 2022**