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LEWES DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Summary of Lewes District Joint Action Group (JAG) YTD spend for 2016/17.

Introduction

The Lewes District Joint Action Group has approved ten requests for funding so far in performance year 2016/17. The total spend is £28,952.22 with £3,891.78 remaining from PCC funding for 2016/17.

The commissioned projects/initiatives cover a number of the LDCSP priorities – including Work in partnership to seek long lasting solutions of anti-social behaviour; Promote community safety initiatives to reduce crime and the fear of crime; Work to protect and support vulnerable victims of crime; Encourage the reporting of domestic abuse incidents; Promote and contribute to the implementation of the Prevent Agenda.

Application 1 - Property Marking Pens

The Lewes District Joint Action Group awarded £897 towards the 'Property Marking Pens' project – developed by Sussex Police. The initiative provides UV property marking pens to the general public at engagement events and as part of crime prevention packages. It's aim is to encourage the return of stolen property to victims by being able to identify the rightful owner.

The £897 covers the full amount of the project. It addresses priority 2 of the partnership.

Application 2 - Counselling for Survivors of Domestic Abuse

The Lewes District Joint Action Group awarded £250 towards 'Counselling for Survivors of Domestic Abuse' project –supported by the Lewes District Domestic Abuse Action Group. The initiative provides publicity materials to promote counselling to victims of domestic abuse –

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preventing anxiety, depression, substance misuse and relationship problems connected to past trauma.

The £250 covers the full amount of the project. It addresses the partnership priorities 3 & 4.

The initiative began in November 2016 and a written report will be submitted in March 2017.

Application 3 - Paws on Watch

The Lewes District Joint Action Group awarded £1,118 to the 'Paws on Watch' initiative. The initiative sets out to gain intelligence and identify dog owners that allow their dogs to foul in public places by using the public as 'eyes and ears'.

The £1,118 covers the full amount of the project. It addresses the partnership priority 1.

Application 4 – Detached Youth Support

The Lewes District Joint Action Group awarded £3,323.74 towards the detached youth support services in Lewes – developed by ESCC Targeted Youth Support. The project provides flexible sessions targeted at specific 'hotspots' of antisocial behaviour across the Lewes District. The 'hotspots' reflect police operations and has included Seaford Bowls club. Its aim is to reduce problematic behaviour in young people.

The project addresses the partnership priority 2.

The initiative is ongoing and a full evaluation will be received in April 2017.

Application 5 - Fly-tipping Reduction Campaign

The Lewes District Joint Action Group awarded £376 towards the Fly-tipping Reduction Campaign – developed by Lewes District Council. The campaign sets out to deter perpetrators, and potential perpetrators, from fly-tipping by placing signage in key hotspots across Lewes District.

The £376 covers the full amount of the project. It covers the partnership priority 1.

The campaign began in July 2016 and finished October 2016. A written report will be provided by March 2017.

Application 6 – Seaford YTG Counselling

The Lewes District Joint Action Group conditionally awarded £900 to the Seaford YTG Counselling project –developed by the Seaford Community Partnership. Seaford YTG Counselling is a pilot scheme aimed at providing access to counselling services for young people who don't meet the statutory intervention criteria – preventing issues that impact directly on emotional wellbeing and other risk areas.

The £900 contributes towards a total cost of £1,200. The project addresses the partnership priority 1.

The pilot will run for six months once counsellor accreditation has been confirmed and a full report will be provided at the end of this period.

Application 7 - Healthy Conversations

The Lewes District Joint Action Group awarded £2,500 to Healthy Conversations – developed by the Salvation Army Housing Association. Healthy Conversations provides courses and workshops aimed at encouraging young people back into education whilst raising awareness of bullying, crime and safety. Healthy Conversations is held within the Newhaven Foyer, Newhaven Valley.

The £2,500 covers the total costs of the project. It addresses the partnership priorities 1, 2, 3, 4 & 7.

The project began in September and ended in January 2017. Healthy Conversations will continue as a self running project thereafter. A written report will be provided shortly.

Application 8 - Peacehaven Taskforce

The Lewes District Joint Action Group awarded £4,000 for the Peacehaven Taskforce – developed and managed by Peacehaven Town Council. Peacehaven Taskforce establishes club activities for 14-18 year olds to provide a diversion from committing anti-social behaviour in Peacehaven. This includes boxing classes and other construction sessions.

The £4,000 covers the full start up costs of the project. Peacehaven Town Council will continue with the running costs after the one year period of the project. It addresses the partnership priorities 1 & 2.

Peacehaven Taskforce launched in January 2017 and will run to December 2017. A full report will be given after this period.

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Application 9 - Youth Drop-in

The Lewes District Joint Action Group awarded £4,719.48 for the Youth Drop-In project – ran by the Sussex Community Development Association. The project hosts drop-in sessions to provide information, advice and guidance for young people. It focuses on inspiring behaviour change and embed life skills – especially to those that are at risk of, or are involved in, anti-social behaviour.

The £4,719.48 is a contribution towards the running costs of the project. It addresses the partnership priorities 1, 2 & 7.

The funding began in October 2016 and ends in May 2017. A written report will be provided in April 2017 with an interim in February 2017.

Application 10 - Nomad CCTV cameras

The Lewes District Joint Action Group awarded £10,868 for the Nomad CCTV cameras project – run by members of the Joint Action Group. The project procures two Nomad CCTV cameras to be managed by Sussex Police based on their Threat, Risk & Harm model. The cameras focus on tackling anti-social behaviour across the District and respond to a rise in criminal damage against vehicles. In addition, it follows on from consultation with Town & Parish Councils across the District who've identified a need for further CCTV.

The £10,868 covers the full costs of the project. The funding came from historic reserves prior to PCC funding. It addresses the partnership priorities 1 & 2.

The project began in January 2017 and evaluation will be carried out in February 2018 with an interim report within this period.