

Agenda Item No. 3(b)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

7 September 2017

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities

COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING

(1) **Purpose of Report** To seek Cabinet Member approval to contribute total funding of £127,864 towards the following Community Safety posts:

- £62,824 towards the salaries of eight Derbyshire district and borough Community Safety Officers, (£7,853 per district and borough).
- £30,000 towards the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) Administration Team.
- £35,040 towards the Analysts in the Safer Derbyshire Research and Information Team.

(2) **Information and Analysis** Derbyshire County Council has historically committed funding towards a number of Community Safety Partnership posts across the County. These posts are employed through the Council's statutory partners and, as such, approval is requested of funding under Protocol 8 of the Council's Financial Regulations.

The posts are jointly funded with statutory partners across Derbyshire and include the following:

1. Funding to support the salaries of Community Safety Officers within the local Community Safety Partnerships; the posts are employed by the district and borough councils and funded by Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Constabulary and the eight district/borough councils. The role of the Community Safety Officers is to develop and deliver key objectives within their local partnership plan and they are the operational lead for reducing crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.
2. Funding to support the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) Administration team who are employed by Derbyshire Constabulary and jointly funded between Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Constabulary, Derby City Council and Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group. The team manages the administration

relating to the revised MARACs across Derbyshire. A MARAC is a meeting where information is shared on the highest risk domestic abuse cases between representatives of local Police, probation, health, child protection, housing practitioners, and Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs).

3. Funding to support the Analysts in the Safer Derbyshire Research and Information (SDRI) Team, employed by Derbyshire Constabulary. These posts are funded by Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Constabulary and the eight local councils. The role of SDRI is to provide research and analysis for the key strands of crime and disorder, providing direction for the annual risk and threat process, setting strategic priorities and delivering initiatives to reduce crime and disorder. This information is provided at a County level and district and borough level.

The total cost for the above posts is £127,864.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The contribution of £127,864 can be met from within the Community Safety Revenue Budget.

(4) **Legal Considerations** The Council is contributing towards the funding of the roles detailed within the report, but is not the employer in respect of any of the posts and so does not have any employment responsibilities for the postholders.

(5) **Social Value Considerations** The funding provided will support Derbyshire County Council and Community Safety partners to fulfil their statutory duty and enhance existing provision.

Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

(6) **Key Decision** No.

(7) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(8) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Communities Department. Officer contact details – Christine Flinton, extension 38271.

(9) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That the Cabinet Member approves:

- 9.1 A contribution of £62,824 towards the salaries of eight Derbyshire district and borough Community Safety Officers, (£7,853 per district and borough).
- 9.2 A contribution of £30,000 towards the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) Administration Team.
- 9.3 A contribution of £35,040 towards the Analysts in the Safer Derbyshire Research and Information Team.

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