

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

30 November 2017

Report of the Strategic Director – Commissioning, Communities and Policy

COMMUNITY SAFETY PROJECTS

(1) Purpose of Report

To seek approval for the allocation of £15,000 to support the provision of general clean ups and graffiti removal at targeted sites across Derbyshire.

(2) Background and Information

From 2011 until 2016 Community Safety supported a programme of work to undertake clean ups and graffiti removal across the county. This had a positive impact on resident's perception of crime and anti-social behaviour in their local areas. The Probation Community Payback Scheme was used for all general clean-up work supported by a contractor for the graffiti removal.

It is proposed to support a further programme of work in 2017/18.

Nominations for potential sites will be sought from Elected Members, District and Parish Councils, Community Safety Partnerships and Derbyshire County Council (DCC) departments. Sites will then assessed for suitability and wherever possible work will be undertaken by Community Payback. Where this is not possible, work will be undertaken by a contractor. Following the implementation of Transforming Rehabilitation and the split in Probation services, Community Payback is now delivered by the Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, and Rutland Community Rehabilitation Company (DNLRCRC).

Clean up work will include: clearing up woodland, allotments and recreation grounds by cutting back vegetation and removing litter, basic painting and decorating and graffiti removal.

(3) Financial Considerations

A budget of £15,000 is available to support the programme of work. Under protocol 7 of the financial regulations, three quotes will be obtained from contractors for the removal of graffiti.

(4) Legal Considerations

Neither DNLRCRC nor the contractor will be under contract, and the Council may withdraw from the scheme without giving notice.

(5) Social Value Considerations

The project will improve public spaces, encouraging more community use, improving perceptions and reducing fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.

(6) 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.

(7) Key Decision

No

(8) Call-In

Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No

(9) Background Papers

Held on file within the Commissioning, Communities and Policy Department. Officer contact details – Seamus Carroll, extension 38494.

(10) OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That a sum of £15,000 is agreed to support the delivery of the Community clean ups and graffiti removal programme.

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