

OFFICER DECISION RECORD 1 FORM

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Decision Reference No AHWB.033.2020 Additional Safer Streets Funding

BOX 1

DIRECTORATE: Adults, Health and Wellbeing

DATE: 17th December 2020

Contact Name: Joanne Evans

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Subject Matter: Additional Safer Streets Funding from the Home Office

BOX 2**DECISION TAKEN**

To approve the receipt of an additional £72,000.00 capital grant from the Home Office Safer Streets Fund, through the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. This will be added to the existing funding already in place for further improvements within the original scheme which has commenced in Doncaster.

To include this additional Safer Streets funding in the Adults, Health and Wellbeing capital programme.

BOX 3**REASON FOR THE DECISION**

Doncaster, as part of a joint bid with South Yorkshire Police (SYP) and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) successfully secured an initial £547k funding from the Home Office Safer Streets Fund which was authorised through a Key Decision signed by Mayor Jones on the 1st October 2020.

The original authorisation has enabled the scheme to commence within the target area of Hexthorpe with a completion date set of the 31st March 2021.

The scheme includes a range of crime prevention focused investment within the area and has already involved local residents in the decision making process for elements of the deliverables.

The initial scheme included –

- Replacement alleygates
- Improved street lighting
- Installation of an additional 10 CCTV units
- Replacement bollards

- Replacement of existing street name plates
- Removal of existing brick planters
- Targeted crime prevention measures to identified residents

As the works commenced within Hexthorpe, both the Local Authority and SYP were recently contacted by the OPCC, as the Home Office had additional monies remaining in the Safer Streets Funding pot. We were asked to consider additional improvements that would complement the existing scheme.

Following consultation with Elected Members, Portfolio Lead and the relevant Doncaster Council services it was agreed that a full upgrade to the existing CCTV system within the area to a gold standard, would provide the most effective support for that community.

It was agreed that these new systems would not only provide a better and enhanced quality of surveillance and support the aim of improving the feeling of safety for residents within the neighbourhood, but also support the partnership in tackling some of the key issues including environmental crime which blights the area.

Due to the differing ages of the existing CCTV system, the ability to use a uniformed approach to replacing them with all new, high specification cameras within the dedicated area was welcomed. The failure of older cameras is already being seen and would potentially leave weak points in the coverage of this locality.

The total amount of £72k additional funding would therefore be added to the existing allocated budget for CCTV improvements from the original bid, to enable a uniformed improvement scheme to be implemented across the full extent of the designated Safer Street area within Hexthorpe.

This system would continue to link back to the Doncaster Council CCTV suite and enable live coverage as set out in the original scheme. In addition, a maintenance plan would also be included to cover the system for 5 years.

Confirmation has been received from the Community Safety team that this work is achievable and would be completed by the deadline date, which remains the 31st March 2021.

South Yorkshire Police have also been successful in securing funds to install Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras to both entrances into Hexthorpe. This will bring further additionally to complement the enhanced CCTV scheme. SYP are responsible for delivering this element of the funding directly.

BOX 4**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED****Option one**

Do not accept the additional funding – this is not viewed as a viable option as the continued levels of crime and anti-social behaviour including fly tipping are not acceptable. In addition the current CCTV systems in place are all of differing ages, with some already starting to fail, therefore without this funding there would be key gaps in coverage.

Option two

Accept the additional funding amount of £72k to complement the existing Safer Streets scheme – this will enable a gold standard uniformed CCTV system to be installed within the area.

The recommended option is the second option, as this would provide the greatest opportunity to overhaul the whole existing system to a uniformed high specification CCTV network. It also enables any existing cameras of good condition to be relocated outside of the designated Safer Streets zone to support residents in these wider parts of Hexthorpe who feel the addition of CCTV would improve their feeling of safety.

The acceptance of this funding would also support the ongoing partnership plan in place for Hexthorpe, further enabling the ambitions and recommendations identified within it to be taken forward.

BOX 5**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 gives the Council a general power of competence to do anything that individuals may generally do.

Legal Services provided advice on the original grant terms and the report author should seek further advice in relation to any amended terms. As before any spending required must be undertaken in compliance with Contract Procedure Rules and funder requirements.

The report suggests that the original completion date of 31 March 2021 will be met in relation to this additional work, although it is advised that the decision maker assures themselves that this date can still be met given the changed circumstances of the January 2021 Corona Virus restrictions.

Name: __Scott Fawcus_____ **Date:** __07/01/21_____

Signature of Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services (or representative)

BOX 6**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:****Capital**

Doncaster Council secured an initial grant of £547k for the Hexthorpe Safer Streets scheme which was approved as a key decision on 1st October 2020. This was also approved by the Chief Finance Officer per Financial Procedure Rule B.9 as an in year addition to the capital programme of £481k, the remaining £66k element relates to revenue. The additional funding identified in this ODR will be added to the existing capital scheme subject to approval, thereby increasing the Safer Streets capital scheme to £553k

The receipt of the additional grant funding is subject to Financial Procedure Rule E.9 as follows:

E.9 Directors are authorised to apply for external funding, in consultation with the CFO, which contribute to the delivery of Council services or achievement of Council goals. Grant acceptance and/or commitment is subject to key decision rules.

The total capital cost amount of £72k is to deliver CCTV improvements identified in the body of this report. The proposed grant will be funded from the Home Office Safer Streets Fund, through the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The conditions of the grant state that all grant funded activity must be delivered by 31 March 2021 and all expenditure must be completed by 31 March 2021. This is a very tight deadline and the service will need to ensure the timescales are managed in accordance with the grant conditions in order to avoid the council incurring costs that they are unable to claim for.

The on-going maintenance will need to be met by existing budgets.

Name: C. Slade Signature:  Date: 07.01.20

Signature of Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director of Finance (or representative)

BOX 7**OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Assistant Director (or representative)

ANY IMPLICATIONS SENT TO DEPARTMENTS SHOULD GENERALLY BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST 5 WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE TO ENSURE THESE CAN BE GIVEN THE RELEVANT CONSIDERATION.

BOX 8

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS: (To be completed by the author).

Hexthorpe is an area with a diverse community and this additional funding will be used to provide further investment in the local area, improving infrastructure and the general environment for all.

As part of the original Safer Streets scheme, local community members, groups and stakeholders from all diverse communities have been and will continue to be involved in the project.

BOX 9

RISK IMPLICATIONS: (To be completed by the author)

The potential risks of the project are failing to complete the planned work before the funding deadline of the 31st March 2021.

However as this is additional funding to an existing project, the main element of planning around the delivery of the project has been completed, and teams are now in the process of ordering the required equipment. A project group is established and meets regularly to review delivery and ensure that completion by the deadline is on track.

BOX 10

CONSULTATION

The elected members for the area have been fully briefed, along with the Cabinet Leads Councillor Chris McGuinness and Councillor Glyn Jones. Additional consultation has also been completed with the Community Safety team who will lead on the delivery of the CCTV scheme.

BOX 11

INFORMATION NOT FOR PUBLICATION

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, it is in the Public's interests for this decision to be published in full, redacting only the signatures.

Name: Gill Parker Signature by email Date: 07/01/2021

Signature of FOI Lead Officer for service area where ODR originates

BOX 12

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Please confirm if any Background Papers are included with this ODR YES

(If YES please list and submit these with this form)

1. **Original key decision authorisation**
2. **Original corporate report outlining the full Safer Streets scheme**

**BOX 13
AUTHORISATION**

Name: Phil Holmes Signature:  Date: 12/01/2021

Director of Adults Health and Wellbeing

Does this decision require authorisation by the Chief Financial Officer or other Officer

YES/NO

If yes please authorise below:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director of Finance

Consultation with Relevant Member(s)

Name: Chris McGuiness Signature:  Date: 18/12/2020

Designation Cabinet Member for Communities, Voluntary Sector & the Environment

(e.g. Mayor, Cabinet Member or Committee Chair/Vice-Chair)

Declaration of Interest YES/NO

If YES please give details below:

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