

## OFFICER DECISION RECORD 1 FORM

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Decision Reference No AHWB.050.2021 Safer Streets Fund Round 3

**BOX 1****DIRECTORATE:**

Adults, Health and Well Being

Contact Name: Bill Hotchkiss

**DATE: 29/10/21**

Tel. No: 01302 737831

**Subject Matter:**

Approval to receive grant funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

**BOX 2****DECISION TAKEN**

To approve the receipt of grant funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), which relates to the successful award of Safer Streets Funding from the Home Office.

**BOX 3****REASON FOR THE DECISION**

We have received notification from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner that Doncaster will receive £115k of funding from the third round of the Home Office Safer Streets fund.

Doncaster was part of a Countywide bid with Sheffield, Rotherham and Barnsley Councils, South Yorkshire Police and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Each local Authority area put forward a local park to act as a pilot for an innovative approach to install improved lighting and CCTV.

The Park put forward in Doncaster was the Far Field Park at Edenthorpe, which had been recognised as an area that would benefit from improved lighting and CCTV. The Park has an active local 'Friends Group', (one of the requirements of the safer streets fund) who had made previous contact with the Police and Crime Commissioner about improvements to the park to improve safety for members of the public, who felt unsafe in this area.

The Home Office funding is centred around innovation and this project is very much seen as a proof of concept, which if successful, is an approach that can be used in other parks and public spaces in other parts of Doncaster. Work has already commenced to identify suitable areas and locations in consultation with local ward members and community groups.

The awarded funding totals £115k and is to fund both elements of the innovative lighting and installation of CCTV.

In terms of administering the funding, we will be establishing a stakeholder group including local community members to consult and approve the key elements of the scheme and feed into the East Locality Bronze meeting, which would be able to monitor the project going forward.

As with previous awards from the Home Office Safer Streets Fund, there are tight timescales which we will need to follow and all of the funding would have to be spent by March 2022.

## **BOX 4**

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

Present a business case to the Senior Management Team seeking approval to use grant funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner in a specified way.

#### **Option 1: Do Nothing**

This is not viewed as a viable option, as without the required approval to use grant funding in this way; we may risk non-compliance with financial regulations. Should we not take up the option to utilise this funding, it would mean that a number of important projects for this area would not go ahead.

#### **Option 2: Seek approval to use the grant funding received from the OPCC for the purpose specified in this report.**

**Recommended option** - utilising this additional grant funding in this way would enable the Council and partners the ability to support local initiatives and activities and respond to emerging priorities and challenges. It would also enable the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP) to continue to tackle the key priorities identified within the Community Safety strategy, as below:

- Protecting Vulnerable People;
- Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour;
- Reducing Crime and Re-offending;
- Tackling Serious and Organised Crime;
- Reducing Substance and Alcohol Misuse.

## **BOX 5**

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 provides the Council with a general power of competence, allowing the Council to do anything that individuals generally may do. Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 gives the Council power to purchase goods and services.

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 makes it clear that tackling crime should be a partnership matter, with key local organisations working together to achieve a shared strategy for the benefit of local communities.

The purchase of any goods and services using the funding should be carried out in accordance with funder requirements & the Council's Contract Procedure Rules

The grant agreement contains terms and conditions which must be complied with so that clawback is not invoked.

**Name: \_Scott Fawcus\_      Signature: \_S.R. Fawcus\_      Date: \_\_04.11.21\_\_**

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

## **BOX 6**

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

#### **Capital**

The approved 2021/22 Adults, Health & Wellbeing Capital Programme does not currently include this project.

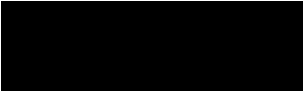
The proposed grant will need to be approved by CFO and relevant director in line with financial procedure rules below.

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 capital cost amount of £115k is for innovative lighting and installation of CCTV at Edenthorpe identified in the body of this report. The proposed grant will be fully funded from the Home Office Safer Streets Fund via the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Contingency has not been included in these figures because the service have received fixed cost quotations, there is no anticipation there will be any cost increases for the duration of the project.

The conditions of the grant state that all grant funded activity must be delivered by 31 March 2022 and all expenditure must be completed by 31 March 2022. 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 costs will be funded from existing budgets within community safety.

**Name: \_Cheryl Slade\_\_\_\_\_ Signature:  \_      Date: \_02.11.21\_\_**

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).

Equality impact assessments completed during the development of the Community Safety Strategy and other key partnership strategies identified that the Partnership and Doncaster Council deliver key services to under-represented groups and individuals with protected characteristics.

The proposals for use of this grant funding enables the Partnership and ourselves as a public authority to discharge our responsibilities effectively within the terms of the Equality Act, ensuring that our services do not tolerate prohibited behaviours and we actively work to reduce discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and the fostering of good relations.

**BOX 9**

**RISK IMPLICATIONS:** (To be completed by the author)

Being unable to utilise the grant funding would significantly affect potential work-streams identified by the partnership as key areas of business and focus for this year.

Failure to maintain existing services may result in priorities not being delivered and may increase the risk to victims and families across the crime and disorder agenda.

**BOX 10****CONSULTATION**

The cabinet lead for Community Safety, Councillor Rachael Blake has been consulted on the proposal. The local elected members in the Edenthorpe and Kirk Sandal area are also aware of the allocated funding.

Regular updates regarding the grant activity will be provided to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the East Area Silver Locality meeting.

**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: \_Gillian Parker Signature \_by email\_ Date: \_02/11/2021\_**

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 (NO)

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

**BOX 13**

**AUTHORISATION**

**Name: Phil Holmes Signature:  Date: \_29/11/2021\_**

Director of Adults Health and Wellbeing

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

**YES**

**If yes please authorise below:**

**Name: Faye Tyas Signature:  Date: 16.11.21**

Assistant Director of Finance & Section 151 Officer

**Consultation with Relevant Member(s)**

**Name: \_Rachael Blake\_ Signature:  Date: 18/11/2021\_**

**Designation Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Communities and Equalities**

**(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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