

Community Safety Partnership
Sent to all CDRP Chairs

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As you may already be aware, the Home Office announced on the 9th February allocations for the 'Community Safety Fund'. The allocation, as set out in the letter, for Essex County Council in 2011/12 is £1,115,160 and £564,162 in 2012/13.

I would like to set out our proposals for this fund and would welcome views by 2nd March, so these can form part of the discussions at Safer Essex on 10th March.

The Home Office 'Community Safety Fund' while compared in the letter to the previous allocation as part of the Area Based Grant now includes the Home Office Young Person's Treatment Budget, of £253,093. This treatment budget forms part of the contract for the Essex Young Person's Drug and Alcohol Service (EYPDAS) awarded through Essex Children's Joint Commissioning Board. This fund has been committed based on notification from the Home Office received in 2010/11.

In addition the 'Community Safety Fund' includes the DAAT Partnership Grant of £100,207 which also has commitments against it.

Therefore the amount available in 2011/12 is £761,860. Based on this, our proposal is that half of the amount, £380, 930, is retained for a strategic 'pot' to be used cross county, based on Safer Essex's agreed priorities;

1. Reducing Re-offending
2. Reducing Crime (including violent crime and acquisitive crime)
3. Reducing Substance/Alcohol misuse
4. Reducing Fear of Crime (Feeling Safe)
5. Reducing Perceptions of Anti-social behaviour as a problem

for Safer Essex to consider proposals and recommend allocations. With the other half to be allocated to the CSPs based on agreed outcomes and criteria which would need to be developed.

APPENDIX 2

As you may already be aware, recent discussions between Essex Local Authority Leaders, has been focused on closer working across a broad range of issues. While the Community Safety Fund has been substantially reduced by the Home Office, there is an opportunity through more collaborative work to maximise the benefit of this fund for Essex. Therefore as part of any criteria for allocations I think it is important to include an element which evidences cross CSP working.

I am also keen to make sure that we build intelligently on the work we are doing in respect of community budgeting for families with complex needs. We want to explore opportunities to ensure appropriate alignment with that work over the next few months.

For 2012/13, we are proposing that the Community Safety fund available is held as a strategic pot for cross county work. We will need to seek clarity as to whether the £564,162 will again include the Home Office Young Person's Treatment Budget.

I would like to emphasise that Essex County Council is still absolutely committed to working with partners and communities to make Essex even safer and our work as part of Community Safety Partnerships is key to this.

In addition I would like to let you know about an ECC fund we are making available in 2011/12 to support work relating to crime and disorder. This fund of £50,000 is for projects which are supported by local communities to address locally identified concerns. The fund is for 12 local community engagement schemes. Further information will follow within a week but at this stage I wanted to let you know about the fund as soon as possible.

I appreciate that the financial situation at this time is challenging for us all and within this context I hope you find these proposals helpful and look forward to receiving your comments. Could you please send your comments to Samantha.grant@essex.gov.uk (Head of Crime and Disorder Reduction Unit, Essex County Council) by 2nd March.

Yours sincerely



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