

To: Safer and Stronger Communities Group – 4th March 2010

From: Graeme Brown; Kent Partnership Manager

Subject: Safer Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF) 08/09; 09/10; 10/11

1. Introduction

This report informs SSCG of issues relating to SSCF for 08/09, 09/10 and 10/11.

SSCF comprises revenue funding and capital funding. The revenue component of the SSCF is part of the three year Area Based Grant (ABG) and has been fixed at the same level for each of the three years 08/09; 09/10 and 10/11. The capital allocation is announced each year.

SSCF is used by Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs) to deliver community safety initiatives in the eleven CDRP areas.

The County Strategy Group is the decision making body for SSCG with Kent County Council acting as the Accountable Body.

2. 08/09 UNDERSPENDS

SSCF under spends in excess of the 5% roll forward limit are combined into a single county level fund that can be used to target actions in support of community safety across Kent.

County Strategy Group in October 09 were informed that the 08/09 SSCF under spend available was as follows:

Revenue:	£ 8,632
Capital:	£14,897

CSG agreed to delegate to the Chairman of CSG the use of the 08/09 SSCF under spend and for decisions to be reported back to the next meeting of CSG.

The following use of the SSCF under spend has been approved by the Chairman of CSG:

2.1 Revenue : -

£4k Anti Social Behaviour Awareness Training Programme

Each Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) / Community Safety Partnership (CSP) will be approached on an individual basis and offered a half-day / one day facilitated workshop, run locally, on an identified ASB problem, highlighted by themselves from one of the main Focus Areas in their district.

£4k. contribution to revenue costs of Independent Domestic Abuse Advocates.

2.2 Capital : - Each District Authority and Area Police Command has been contacted inviting bids against the capital underspend of £14k to assist in the set up / equipping local joint community safety units.

3. 09/10

Quarter 3 SSCF claims are still being received from CDRPs. However a provisional and early analysis suggests that there will be a small under spend on SSCF for 09/10. As with 08/09, any under spend in excess of 5% by any individual CDRP will be combined into a single county level fund for determination by CSG.

4. 10/11

Members of SSCG will recall that it had been proposed to review SSCF allocations between CDRPs in time for changes to be made for 10/11. However it was subsequently decided (CSG 20 October 2010) to postpone the review in light of the more fundamental changes that may need to be made from April 2011 should SSCF be drastically reduced as part of the next three year financial settlement.

Revenue Allocation

As previously noted Kent's revenue allocation is part of the ABG and therefore remains the same as in the two preceding years. The sum allocated to each CDRP is in the attached appendix.

Capital Allocation

Capital allocations are made each year by the Home Office. The Home Office wrote to all Local Authority Chief Executives on 20 January 2010 (copied to Chairs of all CDRPs) announcing a reduction in capital allocations for 10/11 by 50%. Consequently Kent's allocation has been reduced from £439k in 09/10 to £219k in 10/11. Allocations to each CDRP for 10/11 therefore need to be halved. The sum allocated to each CDRP is in the attached appendix.

Recommendations

Members are asked to NOTE the contents of this report.

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SSCF 2010- 11 revenue allocation

	Total
	£
Ashford	98,894
Canterbury	112,644
Dartford	108,341
Dover	98,740
Gravesham	109,093
Maidstone	125,914
Sevenoaks	105,531
Shepway	98,753
Swale	114,731
Thanet	111,504
Tonbridge & Malling	97,350
Tunbridge Wells	96,441
Total	<u>1,277,936</u>

SSCF 2010- 11 capital allocation

	Total
	£
Ashford	16,656
Canterbury	19,145
Dartford	18,689
Dover	16,623
Gravesham	18,851
Maidstone	22,471
Sevenoaks	18,084
Shepway	16,626
Swale	20,064
Thanet	19,369
Tonbridge & Malling	16,324
Tunbridge Wells	16,128
Total	<u>219,030</u>