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To: Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel
Subject: Update on expenditure to support the Police and Crime Plan
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Introduction:

1. At Appendix 1 of the Police and Crime Plan, the Commissioner has set out his commissioning allocations for 2016/17 (<https://www.kent-pcc.gov.uk/plan.html>).
2. In accordance with The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) also publishes via its website all expenditure over £500 (<https://www.kent-pcc.gov.uk/spending.html>).
3. However, to support the Panel in discharging its responsibilities, the Commissioner has offered to regularly produce a report similar to this, outlining how OPCC expenditure supports delivery of the Police and Crime Plan priorities.
4. Please find below additional context in relation to just a small selection of the many projects that have received OPCC funding in the last six months. It should be noted that this paper does not include victim related funding since further information can be found in the separate paper 'Support for Victims'.

Youth Diversion Fund:

5. This provides funding to community or voluntary organisations and is administered by Safer Kent on behalf of the OPCC. Groups can apply for a maximum of £7,500 and bids should address one or more of the following:
 - Divert young people from crime or anti-social behaviour; and/or
 - Look to positively address potential risk taking behaviours;
 - Look to engage with vulnerable and hard-to-reach groups.
6. The Youth Diversion Fund is currently closed while the OPCC prepares a new Commissioning Strategy. A full list of 2016 recipients can be found at <https://www.kent-pcc.gov.uk/youth-diversion-fund.html>.

Kenward Trust - Think Differently Programme

7. Received £4,000 for a 12 month project working with 120 children and young people across Kent and Medway, providing education on the dangers of drugs and alcohol misuse.
8. Taking referrals from the police, Community Wardens, social services etc. the program is delivered to at risk groups (aged 12-24) by ex-offenders and drug and alcohol volunteers with real life experience of substance misuse.

Chatham Royal Marine Cadets - Integration Programme

9. Received £1,500 to support engagement with young people in Medway to divert them from crime and anti-social behaviour. This includes the use of a mini bus to visit local schools and promote the services of the Royal Marine Cadets and encourage recruitment.

Health Action Charity - African Youth Project

10. Received £5,832 to support work with children and young people in hard to reach BME community groups in Gillingham aged 11-25 years.
11. Also supports action against London gang activity seen in Medway by running workshops and sporting activities.

Young Kent - Catalyst Programme

12. Received £4,800 to work with children and young people 16-25 years across Kent and Medway.
13. For those who are unemployed it provides opportunities to develop skills and to access employment and further training to avoid not being in education, employment or training.

Commissioner's Fund:

14. Groups can apply for a maximum of £5,000 and bids should address one or more of the following:
 - Empower local communities to work towards preventing and/or reducing crime and anti-social behaviour;
 - Provide support to vulnerable, minority and/or hard to reach groups to prevent and/or reduce victimisation and repeat victimisation;
 - Prevent and reduce re-offending.
15. Safer Kent reviews all applications to ensure they meet the criteria. Subsequently, the Commissioner personally considers the applications and decides which projects to support.
16. The Commissioner's Fund is currently closed while the OPCC prepares a new Commissioning Strategy. A full list of 2016 recipients can be found at <https://www.kent-pcc.gov.uk/commissioners-fund.html>.

Urban Blue Bus Ltd - Assistance Vehicle

17. Received £2,000 to support the weekend night-time economy (NTE) in Maidstone. The bus is a one stop location for those who are intoxicated (alcohol or drugs) or may have been victims of crime.
18. The volunteers administer first aid where appropriate, help people to get home safely and/or divert to the emergency services. The project helps the police and other emergency services better manage the demands created by the NTE.

Querns Community Centre - All4Fun

19. Received £500 to provide support and activities for young people (aged 7-18 years) living in Barton ward, Canterbury; including the Gurkha families living at the local army barracks.
20. Approximately 120 young people attend the centre and take part in a variety of different sports, including drama and dance.