

From: Matthew Scott, Kent Police and Crime Commissioner
To: Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel
Subject: Update on expenditure to support the Police and Crime Plan
Date: 15 November 2017



Introduction:

1. The commissioning allocations for 2017/18 are set out on page 19 of the '[Safer in Kent: The Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan](#)'.
2. In accordance with The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) also publishes all [expenditure over £500](#) via the website.
3. Further to previous reports, this paper provides examples of how recent published expenditure supports delivery of the 'Safer in Kent' plan priorities.
4. For information, the first three items were selected by Panel Officers on behalf of Members, with the last one being selected by the OPCC.

Amelix Ltd, £31,335.00 – 14 July 2017:

5. This funding has been provided to enable [Amelix Ltd](#) to deliver the 'Is it worth it?' tour to young people across Kent and Medway in years 7 to 10 (ages 11–15).
6. The tours have been delivered in schools for a number of years and the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has taken over the responsibility for funding. The focus of the tours is cybercrime, staying safe online, the consequence of digital footprints, risks of youth produced sexual imagery (sexting), how to report cyberbullying and seeking help.
7. The tours are positively received by schools and the method of delivery is innovative and engaging for young people. This is due to Amelix Ltd working in collaboration with the music industry to deliver the tours through match funding and the content being delivered by an up and coming artist.
8. The tours run for six weeks per year, in three two week blocks in October, February and July.
9. The OPCC will be working with Amelix Ltd and Kent Police during 2017 and 2018 to develop the delivery of the tours and the feedback process to ensure the impact can be identified (e.g. behavioural change as result of the messages being provided). There is also a need to ensure the messages remain current and relevant for young people and are delivered in an engaging way.
10. The service is being managed via a grant agreement, which clearly sets out the expectations and the funding being provided. This ensures that there are clear governance processes and accountability with regards to delivery.

Magnate Generation, £10,000.00 – 15 August 2017:

11. [Magnate Generation](#) Community Interest Company submitted an application to the first round of the Safer in Kent fund, which opened for bids on 7 March 2017 and closed on 30 May 2017.
12. Magnate Generation is focused on providing business support opportunities for young people in Kent who currently run, or are looking to start a business. The bid to the PCC was to support young people who maybe experiencing challenges such as disadvantage or offending behaviour and inspire entrepreneurial approaches.
13. The funding was requested to support delivery of local workshops, business mentoring, peer to peer support and presentation events.

14. The project supports a number of positive outcomes including diverting young people from crime and anti-social behaviour, reducing youth unemployment and the development of business skills.
15. The project will initially deliver in Folkestone, extending to Ashford and Canterbury; the aim being to run the programme in at least one school per town in Kent.
16. All projects funded by the PCC are required to provide an update report on progress and a year-end report which evidences delivery and the outcomes achieved. The update report received from Magnate Generation in October 2017 highlighted a number of positive outcomes, including:
 - mentor support for a young person to create his own carpentry business;
 - support for an ex-offender with a number of difficulties to obtain part-time employment; and through a partner organisation to also receive help with his health needs.
17. In addition, Magnate Generation will be delivering their core programme to three groups of students, for three days per week in one school. Each group will consist of 10 students, thereby a total of 30 students each day.

Shepway Chariots, £500.00 – 5 September 2017:

18. One of the priorities in the Safer in Kent Plan is to make offenders pay for the harm they have caused. The Communities Together Fund was created through the use of monies Kent Police receives by seizing and auctioning property from offenders, often vehicles which have been used to commit crimes such as drug dealing in local communities. This fund therefore enables money to be reinvested into the local communities that have potentially been harmed by those offenders.
19. The fund was open to local volunteer, community, charity groups and social enterprises and bids had to meet at least one of the below criteria:
 - Support volunteering and community involvement / neighbourhood action to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour
 - Promote social inclusion, community cohesion and integration
 - Improve and support the awareness of local residents in mental health and wellbeing
 - Improve community safety
 - Enable approaches which support the wellbeing of children and young people
20. [Shepway Chariots](#) originally submitted a bid to the Safer in Kent Fund, however it was transferred to the Communities Together Fund as the project had greater alignment to the criteria above.
21. The bid was to support the Community Garden Pathways and Octagon Outdoor Classroom Project. The project aims to bring the Shepway community together by creating a community garden and outdoor classroom which provides a space where people can learn new things whilst reducing social isolation and negative behaviours.
22. The project provides learning and craft opportunities, plus other engagement activities to build community spirit, with the aim of supporting Shepway to become an engaged community.

PCC for North Yorkshire, £2,000.00 – 1 August 2017:

23. Established in July 2014, the [National Rural Crime Network](#) (NRCN) is funded by 28 PCCs and their member police forces based on a current annual subscription of £2,000, with additional sponsorship from the insurer NFU Mutual. The Network's finances and budget are administered by North Yorkshire Police.
24. It was initially set-up by those PCCs with significantly rural constituencies who felt that more needed to be done to highlight the needs of those communities. In addition, when considering the evidence base of 'what works' in policing, they felt there were opportunities to consider in greater detail effective policing, crime prevention and community safety in rural areas.
25. The Network is concerned with all crime and anti-social behaviour occurring in rural areas and recognises that the challenges and solutions are often different to those in cities and urban areas. It is non-political and comprises a range of organisations who either represent or have a deep interest in community safety and rural affairs. In addition to PCCs and the police, the Network includes charities, commercial and not-for-profit organisations including Neighbourhood Watch and Historic England.

26. Its work falls into three principal areas; sharing best practice to help tackle crime in rural areas; representing the interests of rural communities; and influencing policy and practice.

27. The Network has five key aims:

- Highlight the social, economic and personal costs of crime and anti-social behaviour to help ensure fair distribution of resources nationally and locally.
- Provide the public, police and partners with examples of best practice and innovative work in rural locations, so that they can be taken up more widely across England and Wales.
- Provide reassurance to people living in rural areas that their concerns are being taken seriously and to encourage people to come forward with their views.
- Encourage a stronger local response from the public and businesses to help promote community safety and reduce crime in rural areas.
- Working alongside professionals and practitioners, act as a forum to help develop effective preventative community safety and crime reduction initiatives.

28. Members of the Network meet quarterly at locations across England and Wales to share ideas and innovations from different parts of the country. Initiatives are assessed for their quality, effectiveness and potential for wider implementation in other areas.

29. The work of the Network is co-ordinated with the national policing lead for rural crime and the College of Policing. It also works closely with the national policing lead for Heritage and Cultural Property Crime.