

<p>Title of Report:</p> <p>Derry and Strabane Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) Funding update 2017/18</p>	<p>Officer Presenting: Director of Health and Community</p> <p>Author: Head of Community Development & Leisure</p>
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 To update Members on the current situation in relation to funding support for the Derry and Strabane PCSP.

2 Background

- 2.1 Members will be aware that Council has allocated £340,220 through the rates to support the functions of the PCSP. It is anticipated that this allocation levers an additional £700,513 of funding from other sources.
- 2.2 In May of this year Council were advised of the potential reduction of funding support from both the Joint Committee (Department of Justice and NI Policing Board) and from PSNI. Officers can now provide Members with an update in relation to the financial support levered for the PCSP by Council's allocation.

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 The issue of a Letter of Offer from the Joint Committee to the Council to deliver the functions of the PCSP was delayed due to uncertainty over Departmental budgets. The Letter of Offer from the Joint Committee was received on 27 July 2017 for £461,701 to administer and run the activities of the PCSP in this Council area with a further £18,000 to fund Member's meeting expenses.
- 3.2 PSNI has reduced its support for the City Community Safety Warden Scheme from £49,995 last year (2016/17) to £25,000 this year (2017/18) and have advised that they will not be in a position to provide any financial support for the scheme after March 2018.
- 3.3 The Department of Communities initially issued Council with a Letter of Offer for 3 months funding for the City Community Safety Warden Scheme in the amount of £10,034.28. The Department has subsequently issued Council with a Letter of Offer for the full year in the amount of £40,137.12.

- 3.4 NIHE has provided support of £25,000 for the City Community Safety Warden Scheme.
- 3.5 Ulster University (Magee) has confirmed support of £25,000 for the Northland Community Safety Warden Scheme.
- 3.6 PSNI has confirmed support of £62,500 and The Executive Office has confirmed funding support of £16,500 for the CCTV system.
- 3.7 PHA has provided funding support of £5,000 to enhance the safety and signage on the Foyle Bridge.

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement and other Implications

- 4.1 Council has now secured a total of £678,838.12 funding support from external sources to support the functions of the PCSP. The PCSP has written to our partners (Department for Communities, Housing Executive, Apex Housing, Radius Housing) requesting additional support for the Community Safety Warden Scheme.
- 4.2 Department of Justice will be asked to increase its amount of funding for 2018/19 to allow extending the Community Safety Warden service into the Strabane area and any additional support secured from our partners will be utilised to sustain the existing Community Safety Warden Service.
- 4.3 The PCSP has issued Letters of Offer to 25 community initiatives aimed at enhancing community safety. Over £173,000 has been allocated to these initiatives. Officers are working with a number of other initiatives in the rural DEAs to deliver community safety projects in these areas.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 That Members note the contents of the report.

Background Papers

None