

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Notice of Decision



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For Decision or Information	Decision
Date received*:	23.03.21
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*to be inserted by Office of PCC

TITLE: Project Zeal funding

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Project Zeal is a joint Nottinghamshire Police/Co-Operative Group Limited initiative aiming to tackle retail crime. Many retail crime offenders are misusing drugs and alcohol. The scheme has had success in the West Midlands by supporting offender to access detox and rehab support quickly.

The Co-Operative Group and its security partner Mitie have each identified £10k of funding which they would like to use to support greater access to rehabilitation and other substance misuse support for retail offenders in Nottinghamshire. The PCC has agreed to provide £10k of match funding for the scheme.

The PCC is requested to confirm his earlier approval to provide £10,000 of Community Safety Grant from his 2020-1 budget to match the Project Zeal substance misuse funding provided by the Co-Operative Group and Mitie. The funding will be held in the PCC's reserves as a restricted fund, drawn down from 2021-2 onwards and awarded as follows:

- Up to £15k to the Clean Slate service (delivered by Framework) in the city
- Up to £15k to CGL in the county.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (e.g report or business case)

The PCC works with the City and County Councils to co-commission specialist substance misuse support services. Access to rehabilitation for offenders is best managed by those specialist services, which are already funded to provide wider and ongoing substance misuse support and also have the expertise to assess offenders' suitability for rehab. The commissioned SMS services agreed during 2020 to support Project Zeal and to use the funding to pay for additional residential rehab support and for other activity to support offenders to stop offending. However, roll out of the scheme was significantly delayed by Covid-19. Carrying forward the funding into 2021-2 will ensure that the resources for the scheme are not lost.

The funding will be awarded to Framework and Clean Slate via the PCC's legal arrangements with Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council, as the lead commissioners for substance misuse.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION (please include if is it capital or revenue or both. What the split is and the totals being requested. Is this a virement/ something already budgeted for or something that requires additional funding. Are there any savings that can be offered up/or achieved)

The funding is revenue and is in budget.

Signature:
Chief Finance Officer

Date: 24th March 2021

Is any of the supporting information classified as non public or confidential information**?	Yes		No	✓
If yes, please state under which category number from the guidance**				

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OFFICER APPROVAL

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that the appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signature:
Chief Executive

Date: 26/3/21

DECLARATION:

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and I take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Any interests are indicated below:

The above request has my approval.

Signature:
Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Date: 26/3/21

** See guidance on non public information