

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision


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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
DATE RECEIVED:*	13.08.21
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2021.082

TITLE:	Publicity and Communications Work for Safer Streets 2 Project and the Violence Reduction Unit
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
<p>Better Times currently has the contract to deliver the Nottingham Police and Crime Commissioners publicity and communications work. This contract comes to an end on 31st August 2021. As part of the current contract Better Times undertake publicity and communications work on behalf of the Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) including the management of the VRU website and social media accounts.</p> <p>In addition, as part of the current contract Better Times has been undertaking some publicity work in relation to the Safer Streets 2 funding that has recently been awarded to the Police and Crime Commissioner.</p> <p>In order to maintain consistency in relation to both the VRU and Safer Streets 2 publicity and communications work the Commissioner is required to confirm her decision to provide Better Times with a contract to undertake this work from 1st September 2021 to 31st March 2022.</p>

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (eg report or business case)
<p>As detailed above the current contract with Better Times comes to an end on the 31st August 2021. However in order to ensure consistency in relation to two distinct areas of work a single tender award will be provided to Better Times for the period 1st September 2021 to 31st March 2022 to cover the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £9,000 for ongoing publicity and communications support to the Nottinghamshire VRU. This will include development and implementation of the VRU communication strategy; press and media relations in relation to the VRU; provision of marketing materials; website management and social media management. • £10,000 for ongoing Safer Streets 2 publicity. This include attendance at relevant meetings and press and media relations in relation to the safer Streets 2 work. <p>A single tender award is being made to ensure consistency and that there is no loss of provision for these distinct strands of ongoing work at a time when they are reliant on publicity and communications work.</p>

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION	
<p>This is revenue funding as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £9,000 for ongoing publicity and communications support to the Nottinghamshire VRU. This is currently in the budget and will be funded via the VRU Home Office funding allocation. £10,000 for ongoing Safer Streets 2 publicity. This is currently in the budget and will be funded via the Safer Streets Home Office funding allocation. 	
Signature: Chief Finance Officer	
Date:	16th August 2021


Is any of the supporting information classified as non-public or confidential information?*	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please state under which category from the guidance**				
DECISION:				
<p>The Commissioner is required to confirm her decision to provide Better Times with a single tender award contract to undertake the following work from 1st September 2021 to 31st March 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £9,000 for ongoing publicity and communications support to the Nottinghamshire VRU. £10,000 for ongoing Safer Streets 2 publicity. 				

LEGAL SERVICES OPINION:	
<p>The proposed expenditure appears to be in keeping with the functions of the Commissioner and is within the ambit of the Commissioner's statutory powers.</p>	
Signature:	<i>M Turner</i>
Date:	13.8.21

DECLARATION:
<p>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:</p> <p>The above request has my approval</p>

** See guidance on non-public information

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Signature: Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner	
Date:	17 th August 2021