

Brighton & Hove City Council

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Meeting: Community Safety Forum

Date: Monday 5th July 2004

Report of: Sergeant Peter Castleton/Amanda Davey, Partnership Support Officer

Subject: New arrangements for processing the Joint Initiative Fund (JIF) from Sussex Police Authority (SPA)

Ward(s) affected: All Wards

1. Purpose of the report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information and advice on how the new arrangements for receiving applications and the allocation of monies of the Sussex Police Authority (SPA) Joint Initiative Fund (JIF) will work in Brighton & Hove.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) manages its allocation of JIF funding by considering bids that are in line with the current criteria set out by the Sussex Police Authority (SPA) and are within the priorities set out in the Brighton & Hove Community Safety and Crime Reduction Strategy 2002/05.

2.2 That the Community Safety Forum agrees the proposed process for receiving applications and the allocation of monies of the Sussex Police Authority (SPA) Joint Initiative Fund (JIF).

2.3 That the Community Safety Forum notes the new arrangements will provide more flexibility for funding projects in Brighton & Hove.

3. Information/background

3.1 Sussex Police Authority has made new arrangements for Joint Initiative Funding (JIF) this financial year 2004/05. This fund is now jointly managed

between Sussex Police Force and the Sussex Police Authority and is split into three separate 'pots' of money.

- 3.2 The three 'pots' of money are now described. The CDRP JIF is an overall grant made to all Partnerships for them to administer and how that is to be divided between individual CDRP's is set out in 3.3. The core JIF is an amount set aside for ongoing work e.g. Mediation Services and Neighbourhood Watch. A central contingency sum is an amount set aside for work arising in the year over two or more local authority areas, divisions or the county.
- 3.3 In relation to the JIF allocation to Partnerships, the Police Authority agreed, at its meeting on 12th February 2004 to allocate 40% of its Joint Initiative Fund budget for 2004/05 on the basis of an equal split of 7% of the allocation for each of the twelve CDRP's across Sussex and 16% for the Brighton & Hove Partnership. Each of the twelve CDRP's will receive £10,000 for 2004/05 and the Brighton & Hove Partnership will receive £20,000 for 2004/05.

4. Criteria

- 4.1 The Sussex Police Authority has set down criteria against which applications are to be considered. The criteria states that all applications must have a crime prevention or a community safety basis, targeted against crime or fear of crime, and demonstrate a proven need with supporting information. Successful applicants will have a strong emphasis on partnership work, linked with community safety strategies, where all the appropriate agencies/people are involved in the project.

Priority will be given to projects under the following headings

- Applications which seek to address any of the following:
 - Youth issues, essentially where there is a planned diversion away from crime, substance misuse and/or anti social behaviour.
 - Improved safety for vulnerable people.
 - Reduced fear of crime.
 - Aiding crime prevention and/or detection.
- Bids which support the Local Policing Plan, CDRP Strategy and other community safety based initiatives.
- Start up monies (pump priming) for projects which:

- Provide information to support an application for longer term funding from other sources; and/or
 - Allow other contributors to secure alternative funding.
- Projects above, for which matched funding, is already agreed. This can be capital, time, equipment, accommodation or expertise.
- 4.2 The following elements will make applications less likely to receive support.
- Where the application requires ongoing funding and none has been identified. This condition is to ensure that the continuance of the project is not dependent on Police Authority Funding, which cannot be guaranteed.
 - Requests for funding in respect of matters, which are the responsibility of other organisations.
 - Applications made on behalf of commercial and profit making organisations.
 - Projects, which are seen as providing simple youth provision, which do not demonstrate targeting of the correct group and structured diversion from anti social behaviour.

5. Process for administration, decision making and accountability

- 5.1 Applications within Brighton & Hove will be administered and monitored by the Partnership Support Officer (PSO) within the Partnership Community Safety Team (PCST) and it is proposed that applications will be granted by a process whereby the panel, which will include the Community Safety Forum Chair, the Opposition Spokesperson, the Community Safety Manager, Brighton & Hove City Council and the Police Performance Support Unit will receive information concerning applications and make decisions. If no joint agreement is reached, further consideration will be given within a meeting set up by the PSO to jointly discuss and reconsider the application.
- 5.2 Reports on decisions will be made regularly to the Community Safety Forum, giving the Forum the opportunity to review the decisions and benefits for individual projects.
- 5.3 The new arrangements for the core fund and the contingency fund will include a process where applications will go to a Joint Officer Group made up of officers from both Sussex Police Force and the Sussex Police Authority. This group will meet quarterly and can agree grants of up to £10,000. The relevant authority member group will consider applications in excess of this figure.

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COMMITTEE REPORT APPENDIX



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<p>Financial implications There are no financial implications for the Council arising as a result of this report. The cost of the grants is met by the Sussex Police Authority</p> <p>Legal implications There are no legal implications arising as a result of this report.</p>
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<p>Corporate/Citywide implications Work carried out under the Police Authority grants programme (JIF) is in support of the Community Safety and Crime Reduction Strategy 2002/05; this in turn assists in building the capacity of the partnership to achieve overall crime reduction throughout Brighton & Hove.</p>	<p>Risk assessment There are no risks identified as a result of the JIF grant programme.</p>
<p>Sustainability implications All applicants must have a crime prevention or a community safety basis targeted against fear of crime, and demonstrate a proven need with supporting information. Successful applicants will have a strong emphasis on partnership work, linked with community safety strategies, where all the right agencies/people are involved in the project.</p>	<p>Equalities implications The allocation of grant monies will particularly assist pilot projects with a view to combating the risks and disadvantages, which are associated with attending behaviour.</p>
<p>Implications for the prevention of crime and disorder Priority will be given to projects which seek to assist in the delivery of action plans to deliver against the priorities set out in the Community Safety and Crime Reduction Strategy 2002/05.</p>	

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