

**RECORD OF DECISION**

**TITLE: Communities' Fund**

Ref: PCC/D/2016/14

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Police and Crime Commissioner is seeking to promote community involvement in the achievement of the objectives of the Police and Crime Plan.

A fund of £40k will be created from which the Community Ambassadors are authorised to recommend grants. Applications will be determined by the Police and Crime Commissioner and monitored by the Head of Commissioning.

**RECOMMENDATION**

To create a Communities' Fund governed by the policy and procedure set out in this paper.

**APPROVAL OF  
West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner**

I hereby approve the above proposal.

Signed



## **PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL/EXEMPT FACTS AND FIGURES**

### **SUPPORTING REPORT**

#### **1. Background**

The Police and Crime Commissioner is seeking to promote active community involvement in reducing crime, preventing harm and making communities safer.

#### **2. Proposal**

The Community Ambassadors can recommend grants to be used within 2016-17. Applications will be determined by the Police and Crime Commissioner and monitored by the Head of Commissioning.

The outcomes sought must promote community involvement in the achievement of the objectives of the Police and Crime Plan.

The agreement of the relevant Local Policing Team or Commander must be sought on the proposal to ensure any grant does not conflict or duplicate with any other initiative. Partnership contributions, whether in money or in kind, are an essential part of building consensus and should form part of any application.

Such grants cannot be used for political purposes, nor can they be given to responsible authorities or statutory partners on behalf of a community. For the avoidance of doubt, Parish and Town Councils do not constitute statutory partners for the purposes of this Fund.

The form below is to be used and should not be longer than 1 side of A4 when completed.

#### **3. Recommendation**

That the Police and Crime Commissioner create a Communities' Fund and to adopt the policy and procedure set out in this paper.

### **FINANCIAL COMMENTS**

A total fund of £40k for the whole of West Mercia is to be created for 2016-17. This is to be funded from revenue arising from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office budget. All expenditure will be approved by the Police and Crime Commissioner or in their absence the Chief Executive.

### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The recommendation and supporting information comply with the statutory requirements attaching to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

## PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Information in this document is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act) and other legislation. Part 1 of this Decision Record will be made available on the West Mercia Commissioner's website. Any facts and advice that should not be made automatically available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on a separate Part 2 report. (A Part 2 report is not required in this case).

## OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive Officer

Signature ..... *A. de Couper* ..... Date ..... *28<sup>th</sup> July 2016* .....

## Communities' Fund Application Form

Community:

Outcome(s) sought:

Police and Crime Plan objective the initiative promotes:

Activity proposed:

Key milestones:

Contribution sought:

Others' contribution (amount and source):

Agreement of Local Policing Commander:

Recommended by:

