

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION TAKEN BY AN EXECUTIVE MEMBER

This form **MUST** be used to record any decision taken by the Elected Mayor or an individual Executive Member (Portfolio Holder).

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1. Description of decision

To approve the receipt of the Grant in the sum of £70,000 from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Grant Fund awarded to Bedfordshire Youth Offending Service for the direct assessment and intervention with children detained by the Police.

2. Date of decision

18 December 2018

3. Reasons for decision

To enable the enhancement of the delivery of work within Police Custody suites and the work around intervention for Diversion Programmes as part of the statutory responsibility of Youth Offending Services to prevent offending and re-offending. The monies enable the opportunity for more efficient and resilient delivery of point of arrest services.

This was a joint application with Luton Youth Offending Service. The Grant is ring-fenced to the Youth Offending Service to deliver specific services in relation to work with children detained within Police Custody: direct assessment and intervention work. The grant was £140,000 split jointly between both Youth Offending Services. Bedford Borough YOS has £70,000 to be spent on direct service provision as laid out in the application for the grant; the monies to be spent in the year 2018/19.

4. Alternatives considered and rejected

The monies are ring fenced to the specific project for which funding was applied for. The alternative would be not to accept the grant and therefore not deliver the assessment and intervention work.

5. How decision is to be funded

The assessment and intervention work will be fully funded from monies awarded to Bed Borough YOS from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

6. Conflicts of interest

Name of all Executive members who were consulted AND declared a conflict of interest.	Nature of interest	Did Standards Committee give a dispensation for that conflict of interest? (If yes, give details and date of dispensation)	Did the Chief Executive give a dispensation for that conflict of interest? (If yes, give details and the date of the dispensation).

N/A			
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The Mayor has been consulted on this decision

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Signed Dave Hodgson Date 18/12/2018 Name of Decision Taker Mayor Dave Hodgson.....

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Date decision published: 19th December 2018

Date decision can be implemented if not called in: 2nd January 2019

(Decision to be made exempt from call in.....YES or NO.....)

Bedford Borough Council – Executive

22 October 2018

Report by Manager for Youth Offending

Subject - APPROVAL TO RECEIVE GRANT FROM POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S GRANT FUND 2018/19

1. Executive Summary

This report is requesting Mayoral Approval to accept receipt of a grant to Bedfordshire Youth Offending Service (provided jointly with Luton Youth Offending Service) from Police and Crime Commissioner's Grant Fund 2018/19.

2. Recommendations

To approve the receipt of the Grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Grant Fund awarded to Bedfordshire Youth Offending Service by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. This was a joint application with Luton Youth Offending Service. The Grant is ring-fenced to the Youth Offending Service to deliver specific services in relation to work with children detained within Police Custody: direct assessment and intervention work. The grant was £140,000 split jointly between both Youth Offending Services. Bedfordshire YOS has £70,000 to be spent on direct service provision as laid out in the application for the grant; the monies to be spent in the year 2018/19.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

To enable the enhancement of the delivery of work within Police Custody suites and the work around intervention for Diversion Programmes as part of the statutory responsibility of Youth Offending Services to prevent offending and re-offending. The monies enable the opportunity for more efficient and resilient delivery of point of arrest services.

4. Key Implications

(a) Policy

The Council's policy on receiving funds requires an Executive decision. The delivery of work regarding this grant is in line with the Bedfordshire YOS 2017-19 Youth Justice Strategic Plan and contributes to the delivery of work under the Key Priority Areas as laid out in the plan. This strategic plan is signed off by the YOS Management Board whose membership are the key statutory partners and the Youth Justice Board (national oversight body for YOS).

(b) Legal Issues

The conditions of grant for Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund mean that this grant is ring-fenced to the project/piece of work the monies have been awarded to. There is a mid -point monitoring report to be completed which must show how the monies have been spent set against the outcome measures in the application form and that the spend of monies is compatible with what the monies were applied for.

(c) Resource Implications

It is requested that the funds from this grant be approved. It is a requirement of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Grant Fund that the monies be spent on the project that was applied for.

(d) Risk Implications

Reputational risk in relation to the integrity of the YOS and potentially Bedford Borough Council if monies are not spent appropriately. A risk that future funding bids to the Police and Crime Commissioner's Grant Fund or other funds that the OPCC has access to/can endorse applications to would then be unsuccessful.

(e) Environmental Implications

There are no environmental impacts identified.

(f) Equalities Impact

In preparing this report, due consideration has been given to the Borough Council's statutory Equality Duty to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations, as set out in Section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010. An equality impact assessment is not needed.

5. **Details**

The grant funds are used to ensure there is assessment at point of arrest which takes place within the police custody suite as well as an offer of 'home' Triage for those arrested in the evenings and weekends. This ensures that more children have the opportunity to be diverted from the formal Criminal Justice System and an identification of other needs where appropriate. It reduces both continued escalation within a Criminal Justice System, thus reduces a 'criminal footprint' for children but also reduces the number of First Time Entrants (a national performance indicator). The monies are spent directly on front-line services and direct work with children and their families.

6. **Summary of Consultations and Outcome**

The following Council units or Officers and/or other organisations have been consulted in preparing this report:

Bedfordshire Youth Offending Service Management Board

Colin Foster – Director of Children's Services and Chair when monies applied for of Bedfordshire YOS Management Board

Martin Purbrick – Chief Officer

7. **Ward Councillor Views**

Not applicable for this report

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File Reference: Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund 2018/19 – Bedfordshire YOS

Previous Relevant Minutes: None

Background Papers: None

Appendices: None

