

THE POLICE CRIME & VICTIMS' COMMISSIONER FOR DURHAM

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For PCVC approval.

Title: PCVC to grant fund Age UK Darlington for the 'Good Friends' scheme and contribute towards the rates for Unit 34, Cornmill Centre, Darlington.

Summary: Good Friends is a volunteering project in Darlington. Launched in October 2013 the scheme is a Darlington partnership initiative operated by Age UK Darlington and funded by several local bodies with the aim of preventing loneliness and isolation among elderly and vulnerable people in Darlington.

The initiative works alongside Darlington's Neighbourhood Watch to bridge the gap between voluntary social services such as Age UK Darlington's Befriending, and provides a "Watching" service. A network of Good Friends has been established across Darlington to keep a watchful eye on older, isolated and/or vulnerable neighbours; they provide support, friendship and assist them with a range of issues which if left unaddressed could compromise their ability to live safely and independently.

Good Friends is joint-funded by the following organisations:

- NHS Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group
- Darlington Borough Council
- County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
- Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust
- Durham Police, Crime & Victims' Commissioner (PCVC)

Age UK have requested £15,000 in funding from the PCVC to contribute towards the Good Friends Project (this project was previously funded by Durham Constabulary).

Age UK in partnership with the Police and Fire Services share Unit 34 in the Cornmill Centre in Darlington. This is an information hub for members of the public to drop in seven days a week and can be used by groups such as Neighbourhood Watch to hold meetings. The PCVC has been asked to contribute £2,000 towards the rates of the building for 2018/19.

Decision: PCVC agrees to grant fund Age UK for the 'Good Friends' scheme (£15,000) and contribute towards Unit 34, Cornmill Centre, Darlington (£2,000).

OPCVC Lead Officer: Charles Oakley

Contractor Details (if applicable):

Implications:

Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality & Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Human Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Consultation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(If yes please provide further details below)			

Decision Required – Supporting Information

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCVC's CFO where the decision has financial implications)

The £17,000 will be funded from the PCVC Community Safety and Prevention strategic budget in 2018/19

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

Grant arrangements pursuant to the PCC's commissioning powers set out in S.143 Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014

Equality and Diversity Implications

No specific equality and diversity implications

Human Rights Implications

No specific human rights implications

Sustainability Implications

No specific sustainability implications

Risk Management Implications

No specific risk management implications

Consultations

No specific consultation took place

OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive

I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been taken into account. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signed:



Date: 05/04/2018

Police and Crime Commissioner:

Signed:



Date: 05/04/2018