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Putting victims first in County Durham and Darlington

Reference No: 033 - 2016

THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR DURHAM

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST:

Title: Recovering Justice Budget Proposal

Executive Summary:

The PCVC has received a proposal from Fiona Gilbertson to deliver a recovering justice project.

Recovering Justice was established in 2013 by people in recovery from substance use. The PCVC believes that the criminalisation of people who use drugs is counterproductive ineffective and costly. Evidence shows that one of the biggest barriers to problematic substance users seeking help, maintaining recovery and making positive life changes are the current drug laws. This can show that there are viable alternatives to punitive policy and use international evidence to engage debate. Recovering Justice is in the process of developing a campaign defined by lived experience and validated by scientific evidence to show that drug policy reform would have profound benefits to current and former drug users, their families, communities and society as a whole.

Why Durham

The Chief Constable and current PCVC have taken an innovative and unique position on drug use by addressing the harms at all levels; policy, implementation of innovative policing , diversion schemes and engagement with the recovery community. We believe that this project will underpin these objectives while growing an ever stronger and diverse community alliance.

This project will:

- Help improve community safety.
- Help improve health.
- Create new forums for debate on the harms caused by the current drug policies to people with addiction issues.
- Develop a campaign led by lived experience, validated by international evidence and supported by the wider community.
- Progress relationships with police, drug policy reform organisations, media and politicians.

Decision: Agree the allocation of £5,600 to the recovering justice budget project proposal

OPCC 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"/>	
(If yes please provide further details below)			

Decision Required – Supporting Information

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

This has a financial implication of £5600.

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

No specific legal implications

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

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: 21/08/2016

Police and Crime Commissioner:

Signed:

Date: 21/08/2016

