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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
DATE RECEIVED:*	22/10/2021
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2021.106

TITLE:	Provision of targeted outreach in Top Valley

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This decision notice seeks approval of £11,700 spend from the VRU budget for the provision of targeted outreach in the Lytham and Hogan Gardens area of Top Valley. Outreach and diversionary activities will be provided by two VCS organisations; Pythian Club and Chayah Group who will be working with different age groups and at different times of the day.

The provision has been established following an incident of serious violence in the area and ongoing community tensions and ASB.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (eg report or business case)

A coordinated partnership response is required by the VRU, Nottinghamshire Police, local authority and community and voluntary sector to support children, young people and the wider community in the Lytham and Hogan Gardens areas of Top Valley.

The identified need has been informed by the following:

- Knife Crime Local Policing Threat Assessment - Top Valley is identified as a key location to be considered for Police patrols and partnership activity.
- There are historical and ongoing concerns in respect of violence in the area which are a "source of community tension and fear, set against a background of gang-related conflicts" (CDP Strategic Needs Assessment 2020)
- The October 2020 weapon enabled death of a 20-year-old Top Valley resident in the City Centre has continued to negatively impact on the community. Disorder has occurred due to vandalism of the memorial.
- A further weapon enabled attack took place in October 2021 at the Duke of St Alban's pub, which is close by to the Lytham and Hogan Gardens area and has the potential to bring additional tension and impact feelings of safety.
- Historically there has been a rise in ASB in the area around Bonfire Night and Halloween.
- The Neighbourhood Inspector has identified a need to improve community and police relations in the area.
- Recent engagement with residents in the area has identified the following needs:
    - Diversionary activities for young people
    - Targeted outreach

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- Grief / trauma counselling for those impacted
- Educational interventions

The organisations have been approached to carry out work in this area as they already have relationships with the community and young people.

Outreach will initially be provided for a period of 3 months (Oct – Dec 31st 2021)

Pythian will be delivering against the following specification:

- Detached outreach and mentoring to focus on children and young people (aged up to 16 years) – this will take place on a Mon/Tue/Wed at 1500 – 1700 as a core offer
- Detached outreach will also be required on the following dates and times:
  - Halloween – Sunday 31st October (1800 – 2200)
  - Bonfire Night – Friday 5th November (1800 – 2200)
- Diversionary activity for children and young people aged (up to 16 years), to include a range of sporting and creative activities. This should be informed through engagement with children, young people and residents.
- Regularly engage with a named police single point of contact
- Regularly attend the Area Network Meeting - to ensure risks around young people considered / collaborative approach

Chayah Group will be delivering against the following specification:

- Detached outreach and mentoring to focus on children and young people (aged 17 - 26 years) – this will take place on a Friday and weekends from 8pm – 12am as a core offer
- A route map of the outreach will be given to the VRU prior to signing of the Grant
- Detached outreach will also be required on the following dates and times:
  - Halloween – Sunday 31st October (8pm – 12am)
  - Bonfire Night – Friday 5th November (8pm – 12am)
- Regularly engage with a named police single point of contact
- Regularly attend the Area Network Meeting - to ensure risks around young people considered / collaborative approach

FINANCIAL INFORMATION	
The Pythian Club have been awarded £5700 to deliver the provision outlined above Chayah Group have been awarded £6000 to deliver the provision outlined above	
Signature: **Chief Finance Officer**	
Date:	3rd November 2021.

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Is any of the supporting information classified as non-public or confidential information?**	Yes	☐	No	☒
If yes, please state under which category from the guidance**				

DECISION:

The VRU seek approval of £11,700 spend from the VRU budget for the provision of outreach in Top Valley.

OFFICER APPROVAL:	
I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that the appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.	
Signature: Chief Executive	Ken Jones
Date:	8/11/21

DECLARATION:	
I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and I take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Any interests are indicated below: The above request has my approval	
Signature: Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner	C E Hayes
Date:	8/11/21

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