Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
DATE RECEIVED:*	07.06.21
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2021.058

TITLE:	Approval of the provision of VRU funding for Girls' Boxing and Outreach at Nottingham Train Station

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The VRU seek approval to commission the following interventions, to be funded by the VRU core budget:

- Provision of girls' boxing by Down Knives, Gloves Up to the value of £3000
- Targeted outreach at Nottingham Train Station to support young people involved in County Lines to the value of £10,000

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

Girls' boxing

The VRU wish to fund the continuation of existing provision to enable young females with multiple complex needs, to participate in boxercise classes, circuit training and general physical well-being. It will also give them an opportunity to socialize and interact with like minded females, enabling them to build their self-esteem and confidence.

The young people currently taking part are referred to the intervention by Police colleagues working in the City Social Care team, many of the participants are on the periphery of involvement in gangs, criminality and exploitation. The girls have already been attending the classes for some months and to date there has been a significant impact on their wellbeing, both physically and mentally.

Whilst this was not previously funded by the VRU we are keen to ensure this provision can continue and will seek to evaluate the impact of sporting interventions on young women who are at risk.

Targeted youth outreach

The VRU propose funding for a targeted youth outreach pilot at Nottingham Train Station to be provided by the Pythian Club. The need for this intervention has been identified by British Transport Police and Network Rail.

Outreach workers, based at the train station will aim to identify young people at risk of being exploited through county lines activity and will seek to support them to reduce associated risk factors and ultimately pursue a more positive pathway. The identified providers, Pythian, have access to a number of diversionary activities, mentoring and a community hub which will give participants access to education, training and employment, through partners including DWP and Nottingham College. They have also been allocated a 'safe space' for young people at the train station where they will seek to engage them.

Dr Andy Newton from Nottingham Trent University has agreed to evaluate the pilot to determine impact.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION	
Girls' boxing The provision will cost £3,000 and will be funded from the core VRU budget. Delivery will take place up until March 2022. **Targeted youth outreach** The provision will cost £10,000 and will be funded from the core VRU budget. Delivery will take place up until March 2022.	
Signature: **Chief Finance Officer**	[redacted]
Date:	11th June 2021

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:

Approval of the allocation of VRU core funding to the following organisations:

- Down Knives, Gloves Up - £3,000
- The Pythian Club - £10,000

LEGAL SERVICES OPINION:	
This is a legitimate use of funds	
Signature:	Craig Sutherland
Date:	11/06/2021

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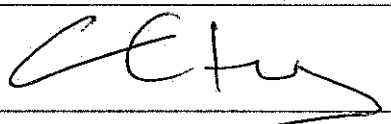
DECLARATION:	
I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and I take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Any interests are indicated below: The above request has my approval	
Signature: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