

## Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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<b>DECISION OR INFORMATION:</b>	Decision
<b>DATE RECEIVED:*</b>	21.02.23
<b>REF:*</b> (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2023.011

<b>TITLE:</b>	Evaluation of the Reaching Communities Project with Take One
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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This decision form seeks approval to provide funding of £8743.60 to Take One to support the evaluation of the Reaching Communities Project.

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

In 2019 Take 1 Studios and Breaking Barriers Building Bridges, both community sector organisations who have a working relationship with the NNVRP, were funded by the National Lottery Reaching Communities England programme for a period of 3 years.

The project addressed the Reaching Communities priorities to: 'enable more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage' and 'bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities.' The project was based in Radford and Hyson Green, both very diverse areas in terms of ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds, also with higher than average crime rates and a distrust of the police and other statutory agencies.

Early intervention was the main focus of the project using the following activities:

- One to one mentoring
- Myth in the Music
- Media Project
- Dance Classes
- E-Safety Workshops
- Signposting to other local provision

Outcomes sought included changed attitudes and behaviours, employment education and training opportunities, stable relationships and wider community resilience.

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This intervention, whilst funded externally, aligned with the NNVRP Strategic Needs Assessment:

- National and local evidence suggests that the risk factors associated with violence tend to be more prevalent in deprived communities.
- Mentors, or 'consistent trusted adults', are vital for young people.
- There needs to be additional positive and meaningful activity for young people within communities. In particular, the existence of youth clubs and the roles of community centres (premises) and youth workers (skilled practitioners) within these are essential, alongside a broader offer of diversionary activities.

The NNVRP are committed to ensuring that our work will be underpinned by evidence of what works, expanding that evidence base and creating new evidence where none currently exists. The NNVRP have also committed to the Home Office to meet a minimum spend on evaluation and research.

In terms of the NNVRP Response Strategy and early intervention activity, we are keen to further explore the impact from a social perspective, the strengths of the model and future sustainability in terms of community capacity and capability. The NNVRP is therefore supportive of the evaluation of the Reaching Communities Project delivered by Take One and Breaking Barriers Building Bridges. This evaluation will take the form of an Appreciative Inquiry which is considered a constructive way to assess the value of the given project and intervention within the context of the organisation, its strengths, assets that is participatory and collaborative bringing a fresh thinking and planning for future development. This approach will also support the NNVRP evidence base for what works and why, to capture and evaluate the strengths of the project, both organisations, and what has been successful both with the young people and the wider community. Various methods of data gathering will provide findings and recommendations as learning for future intervention models.

Take One are already working with NTU as an evaluation provider who have the benefit of local knowledge of the City culture and demographics, the VRP programme of interventions, strategy and Youth Work model. NTU also propose to use some student resource which not only serves to achieve value for money but offers opportunity to support learning and experience in the research and evaluation field.

The research agreement will be between NTU and Take One.

Delivery timescales for this evaluation are January 2023 to July 2023.

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The cost will be split over two financial years.

The VRP will provide funding to Take One for £4,000 in 2022/23 and a further £4743.60, in 2023/24.

The funding agreement will be between the PCC and Take One.

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<b>Signature: Chief Finance Officer</b>	<b>REDACTED</b>
<b>Date:</b>	22.02.23

<b>Is any of the supporting information classified as non-public or confidential information?*</b>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please state under which category from the guidance**				
<b>DECISION:</b>				
This decision form seeks approval to provide £8743.60 in funding to Take One to support the evaluation of their Reaching Communities Project.				

<b>OFFICER APPROVAL:</b>	
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.	
<b>Signature: Chief Executive</b>	<i>S. M. Coddell</i>
<b>Date:</b>	03.03.23

<b>DECLARATION:</b>	
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	
<b>Signature: Nottinghamshire Police &amp; Crime Commissioner</b>	<i>Caroline Henry</i>
<b>Date:</b>	03.03.23

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