

Report of the Chief Executive

STAPLEFORD ACTION PLAN AND STAPLEFORD PLACE FUND1. Purpose of report

To advise Members of the progress of the Stapleford Action Plan and Place Fund to reduce crime and the fear of crime in Stapleford.

2. Detail

There are two areas in the Borough which have been identified as having the greatest threat, harm and risk to the community and the Police and partners are committed to working together to deliver improvements for the people living there. Stapleford and Beeston are the two designated Partnership Plus (PP+) areas in the Borough. Each PP+ area is required annually to submit an Action Plan separately or jointly to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for approval. The plan has to show the actions which partners in the area will commit to. The plan is split into “mainstream” actions which partners will be undertaking using their own resources, and “funded” actions for which a small grant is provided by the OPCC, paid in retrospect following the submission of successful evaluations. In 2021/22 Stapleford and Beeston are able to access up to £24,825.

Plans are submitted to the OPCC for approval to ensure they comply with the strict guidelines for receiving funding, including addressing current policing priorities. In Stapleford, the Action Plan was prepared following an action planning meeting of the Stapleford Focus Group (SFG) in January involving agencies from all sectors and submitted to the OPCC receiving approval in April.

As a result of a recent increased violence threat around Hickings Lane Park the OPCC approved up to £25,000 from the Place Fund. A security survey was prepared by the Police and options were discussed at a meeting of the FSG resulting in a project for improvements in lighting and CCTV being adopted. This has now received PCC approval with conditions.

A copy of the Action Plan (using the template provided by the OPCC) is attached at Appendix 1. Appendix 2, 3 and 4 of this report are included within the confidential section of this agenda. A copy of the project proposal is attached at appendix 2. A copy of the security survey is attached at appendix 3. A copy of the project funding approval and conditions is attached at appendix 4. The multi-agency group also retain an unfunded PP+ plan for Eastwood which had previously been a PP+ area for six years and which the group felt would return to high rates of crime if all support were withdrawn when the designated area changed to Stapleford and Beeston.

Recommendation

Committee is asked to NOTE the report.

Background papers Nil