

COMMITTEE: GRAMPIAN JOINT POLICE BOARD

DATE: 2 SEPTEMBER 2011

TITLE OF REPORT: COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND

REPORT NUMBER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present for consideration to Members of the Grampian Joint Police Board details of the funding applications approved during 2010-11, which were met from the Community Initiative Fund.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the projects funded during 2010-11 and to consider and comment on plans to review the current guidance.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Members of the Board previously approved the formation of a Community Initiative Fund. This involves monies generated from the sale of Lost Property and cash received from Productions being used to provide funding for small community projects.
- 3.2 The total amount normally set aside each year for the Community Initiative Fund is £56,000, however the balance in 2010-11 was increased to £87,107 in order to utilise the cumulative underspend that had been carried forward from previous financial years. The total expenditure incurred during 2010-11 amounted to £56,826. The underspend of £30,281 has been carried forward into 2011-12 and is available for new projects.

4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

- 4.1 The aim of the fund is to allow the Force, through mainly local policing teams, to fund small community projects for the benefit of the local community. Since 2005, the Force has distributed around £200,000 towards small community based projects, the majority of which have matched funding or involve other partners.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6. REPORT

6.1 The amount normally set aside each year for the Community Initiative Fund is £56,000 and is made available to the Force's Operational Policing Divisions. The amounts allocated are as follows: £24,000 to Aberdeenshire (previously £12,000 each to North and South Aberdeenshire), £20,000 to Aberdeen and £12,000 Moray.

6.2 The cumulative underspend arising in previous financial years was carried forward into 2010-11 and amounted to £31,107. This was allocated to the Operational Divisions on the basis of the value of their underspends in previous years. This allowed Divisions to commit to projects in one financial year and make payment in another, especially in the lead up to the end of a financial year.

6.3 The total funding made available to Divisions during 2010-11 was £87,107. A sum of £56,826 was paid out for the benefit of a number of schemes and projects. A breakdown of the payments including the recipients, is detailed within Appendix A.

6.4 The Force is currently reviewing the guidance associated with the Community Initiative Fund in order to assess whether or not it is aligned to the Force's structure and priorities. If necessary, recommendations for improvement will be identified and presented to Members of the Board for consideration.

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8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 A copy of the original paper agreed in 2005 is attached for information at Appendix B.