

Bolsover District Council

Executive

30th November 2015

Community Safety Partnership Healthcheck

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Community Cohesion

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

- For members to agree to appoint Christine Graham consultancy to carry out a Healthcheck for the Community Safety Partnerships at Bolsover and North East Derbyshire District Councils.
- For members to agree to fund 50% of the cost of the report (£2,500) from the Transformation Reserve

1 Report Details

- 1.1 Both Bolsover and NEDDC operate their own statutory Community Safety Partnerships (CSP)
- 1.2 Whilst the CSPs operate separately within each Council there is an amount of overlap with the same partners sometimes attending both meetings, and there is some overlap both in terms of priorities and operational matters..
- 1.3 There are both similarities across the two CSPs and differences between them.
- 1.4 Officers and the relevant portfolio holders have met with Christine Graham Consultancy with a view of carrying out a healthcheck of each CSP. The details of the work proposed are set out in Appendix 1.
- 1.5 Since their inception the role of CSPs have changed, following changed in legislation and funding.
- 1.6 The Healthcheck will ensure that each CSP is performing well and within statutory guidance, and is fit for purpose. The Healthcheck will also consider if there would be any added value an increased effectiveness by the two CSPs looking to increase joint working whilst maintaining their individual identities. Although both parties are committed to maintaining their independence it does need to be recognised that they need to operate within the context of a national framework of recognised good practice, together with set of regional priorities established by the Police and Crime Commissioner. These national and regional factors invariably mean that closer working together in areas such as administration and project delivery can secure some efficiencies of scale which will enable each Partnership to better deliver its own priorities.

1.7 Full details of the proposed work are included in the appendix.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

2.1 That Christine Graham Consultants are appointed to carry out a Healthcheck of both CSPs

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

3.1 None directly, although partners will be consulted as part of this process.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 None

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

The total cost is £5,000. Bolsover will be liable for 50% of this cost (£2,500) which can be met from the Transformation Reserve.

Under the Council's Contract Procedure rules it would normally be expected that at as a minimum three written quotes would be requested for a contract of this value. In this instance Officers are of the view that the Exemption to this requirement as set out in 4.8.4 (e) applies. This relates to a situation where there is no (or insufficient) marketplace to tender for the supply of goods, services or works required. Offices are not aware of any alternative supplier and an internet search has not identified any potential alternative suppliers who may be available.

Given that it has not proved possible to identify alternative suppliers Officers have given close consideration to the details set out within the proposal. Officers assessment of the position is that the work proposed is in line with the Council's requirements and will be undertaken by suitably qualified and experienced persons. As a general benchmark consultants often charge up to £1,000 which again supports the view that the quotation provided represents good value.

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

None

5.3 Human Resources Implications

None

6 Recommendations

6.1 That Christine Graham are appointed to carry our a Healthcheck of both Bolsover and NEDDC Community Safety Partnerships

- 6.2 That 50% of the total cost (£2,500) is met from the Transformation Reserve.
- 6.3 That 6.1 and 6.2 are conditional on NEDDC Cabinet agreeing to the Healthcheck and to pay 50% of the total cost.
- 6.4. That a report on the outcome of the Healthcheck be provided to the relevant portfolio holders so they can give consideration to the outcome of the review and as to what further work needs to be undertaken following the review.

7 **Decision Information**

Is the decision a Key Decision? (A Key Decision is one which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	No
District Wards Affected	All
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	

8 **Document Information**

Appendix No	Title
1	Proposal from Christine Graham
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
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