



Derby City Council

**Urgent Leader of the Council
Cabinet Member Meeting
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ITEM 5

Report sponsor: Strategic Director, People's Services
Report author: Head of Service Commissioning (CYP)

Troubled Families: Supporting Families against Youth Crime bid

Purpose

- 1.1 The approach of the Troubled Families Programme is to provide targeted whole family interventions. This national 'Supporting Families against Youth Crime' fund offers further funding opportunities to Local Authorities and the Community and Voluntary Sector, where there is an identified need in gang and youth crime.
- 1.2 It is expected that funding will follow the same principles as the Troubled Families Programme by enhancing the Local Authority's current offer and having maximum impact in preventing and reducing gang and youth crime.
- 1.3 Up to £5 million in total is available nationally to support successful bids. A maximum of £500k may be provided to Local Authorities to address the wider contextual issues related to youth crime and focus on early intervention and prevention.

Recommendations

- 2.1 To approve submission of a bid to the national Supporting Families against Youth Crime Fund.
- 2.2 To approve acceptance of up to £500k, should Derby's bid be successful.
- 2.3 To delegate authority to the Strategic Director and the Director of Resources to enter into all necessary funding agreements in relation to the receipt of any monies referred to in 2.2 above.

Reasons

- 3.1 Derby city has a higher than average level of youth crime. If successful this funding will support a combined partnership approach to youth crime across Early Help services, Public Health and the Community and Voluntary Sector.

Supporting information

- 4.1 This national fund supports the early intervention theme of the Government's Serious Violence Strategy (2018), and calls for a holistic and preventative approach to youth crime. Such an approach is already delivered by the Troubled Families Programme - in Derby through the Priority Families Programme - which is designed to prevent and address issues and behaviour by improving the functioning of the whole family.
- 4.2 The aims of the fund are: to provide additional capacity to Local Authorities, test and learn from evidence based interventions and place-based initiatives and drive local, multi-agency partnership working with the Voluntary and Community Sector.
- 4.3 Up to £5 million in total is available nationally to support successful bids, with a maximum bid of £500k per Local Authority. Funding is available in 2018/19 and 2019/20. To be eligible to apply, Local Authorities must deliver the Troubled Families Programme.
- 4.4 The fund will support proposals that focus on:
- Intervening early to reduce gang and youth crime,
 - Working with parents, carers and partners to raise awareness of the dangers of gangs, youth violence and knife crime,
 - Collaboration between the Local Authority and the Voluntary and Community Sector, and
 - Robust data collection and analysis.
- 4.5 The submission will be aligned to the key strands of the Serious Violence Strategy (2018) and its key factors: school absence, substance misuse and peer pressure. The proposal will seek to address the underlying causes of offending behaviour and its contextual elements including housing, employment, mental health, addiction, abuse and family breakdown, as well as crime.
- 4.6 In Derby, first time entrants into the youth justice system are higher than the national average, and in 2016 Derby's youth reoffending rate was above the national average (Ministry of Justice, 2018).

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 The Ministry of Communities, Housing and Local Government are expecting an element of this funding to be allocated to the Community and Voluntary Sector (CVS) by Local Authorities. CVS providers registered on the Local Authority's Integrated Early Help Framework have been approached for proposals and ideas in support of this bid.

- 5.2 The bid must be signed by the local Troubled Families Co-ordinator, the Director of Children's Services and a representative from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) or the Police; contacts from within the OPCC and the Police have confirmed they are in agreement to progress this bid.
- 5.3 Colleagues from Public Health, Schools, Early Help services and Community Safety have been involved in creating the bid proposal.

Other options

- 6.1 Not to proceed with bid submission. This is not recommended as funding would benefit families and children in Derby to meet and sustain positive outcomes.

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 The Ministry of Communities, Housing and Local Government are inviting bids up to a maximum of £500k from Local Authorities who deliver the Troubled Families Programme and have identified needs in the area of Youth Crime.
- 7.2 Funding is available in 2018/19 and 2019/20. The first round of funding will be released in January 2019. Funding is not guaranteed.

Legal implications

- 8.1 There are no legal implications at the bid stage. If successful, Legal Services will provide advice on the terms of any funding agreement and any subsequent arrangements with the Community and Voluntary Sector.

Other significant implications

- 9.1 There are no other significant implications at this stage.

This report has been approved by the following people:

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