

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Public Health
Date:	18 March 2020
Title:	Serious Violence Grant
Report From:	Director of Public Health

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1. The decision:

1.1 That the Executive Member for Public Health approves a grant to the value of £12,000 to the Community Rehabilitation Company for a preventative project on knife crime as part of a wider public health approach to tackling serious violence in Hampshire.

2 Reasons for the decision:

2.1 On 6 January 2020, Cabinet received a report from the Director of Adults' Health and Care on the Hampshire Community Safety Strategy which included a summary of the coordinated, multi-agency approach to serious violence in Hampshire.

2.2 A newly established Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) partnership model is central to this approach. Hampshire's Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) is one of 18 areas in England and Wales to receive Home Office funding to set up a VRU to tackle and prevent serious violence. Across the Hampshire Constabulary area, the OPCC adopted a devolved approach to delivery of its VRU comprising four local VRUs across Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton in line with local authority boundaries.

2.3 Each VRU is required to support a multi-agency, public health approach to preventing and tackling serious violence. In the Hampshire County Council area, the local VRU is led by the Director of Public Health.

2.4 A proposal has been developed for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Rehabilitation Company to pilot a new knife crime intervention 'Consequences and Choices' in Basingstoke which will be offered to young adult knife crime offenders being supervised in the community either by the

CRC or the NPS who are male, aged 25 or under and be willing to engage in a programme for change to support their rehabilitation. This will be offered to offenders on a voluntary basis and not form part of their statutory supervision conditions.

3 Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 Allocating the grant funding to alternative interventions was considered but the preventative knife crime project covers an at-risk cohort in a particular geography not included in the rest of the programme.

4 Conflicts of interest:

4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.

4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

5 Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: N/A

6 Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: N/A

7 Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:	Date:
----- Cllr Judith Grajewski Executive Member for Public Health	18 March 2020