Committee(s): Police Authority Board – For information	**Dated:** 19/07/2023
Subject: Police Authority programme funding	**Public**
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	1. People are safe and feel safe
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	**N –** but involves use of pre-agreed budget
If so, how much?	£26,000, from pre-agreed budget
What is the source of Funding?	Police Authority budget
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	**Y**
Report of: Town Clerk	**For Information**
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Summary

The Police Authority team is using part of its budget to fund several local crime and policing programmes that support key strategic priorities, as set out below. This is 'round 1' of what we propose to be a periodic grant-making initiative.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

Main Report

Background

1. A majority of Police and Crime Commissioners operate grant-making programmes, from Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) revenue or core commissioning budgets. In the City, as in other PCC areas, grant programmes offer the opportunity to make targeted investments in support of top priorities, building an evidence base of what works locally, and building on core policing work.

2. The Police Authority has an agreed 2023/24 budget of £1m, of which £713k is projected to be allocated to employee costs and £287k to other costs (see **Annex 1** for full budget). Within the latter there is scope to operate a small grant programme to add value in targeted priority areas.

3. Bids were assessed on the following criteria:
   - **Good (scope for) evidence –** Either strong evidence of improving outcomes (e.g. in other areas) or clear rationale for testing a new initiative
   - **Demonstration value for money has been considered –** Multiple options to achieve outcome have been considered, on basis of cost, quality, achievability, capacity, capability
   - **Credible implementation plan –** Either a sensible plan for 'in house' delivery or an external supplier with a good track record
   - **Additive not replacement –** Initiatives that build on existing plans to maximise outcomes, and do not replace something that police could, or are already, funding themselves (including not funding 'core' operational activities or staff costs)
   - **Alignment with policing priorities –** At minimum, aligning with the latest Policing Plan. Stronger bids will help implement upcoming requirements, the strongest will align with both local and national priorities
4. Our agreed highest-priority areas – those which are both local and national priorities – are: tackling fraud and economic and cyber crime, tackling violence against women and girls, improving outcomes and services for victims, increasing trust and confidence in the police, and countering the threat of terrorism.

5. In this round we did not receive or consider any bids on fraud/economic crime or counter-terror. As the Corporation already makes multi-million contributions to the City Police's work in these areas, any future bids on these priorities will be required to demonstrate very clear 'additionality', though we do not rule out considering bids here.

Current Position

6. We have agreed funding for the following initiatives, all of which had strong evidence of impact, credible implementation plans (via external providers), are additive to existing work, and support local and/or national priorities:

Initiative	**Cost**
Project PIPA – Behavioural change programme for 30 standard-risk domestic abuse perpetrators a year	£14,500 p.a.
Victim awareness course for offenders – Offender-funded 3hr courses helping offenders understand the impact of their crimes	£4,000 one-off setup fee
Offender pays interventions – Offender-funded behavioural change programmes for low-level offences	£2,000 one-off setup fee
Substance misuse treatment programme – Diversion and referral pathway for offenders with substance misuse issues, with actual interventions funded by the charity	£5,500 one-off setup fee
Total	£26,000

7. We are continuing to consider a bid to expand the City Police's inclusivity training programme. We discounted two bids – one on a 'hardship fund' for the offender

pays interventions (to be considered again in future with more evidence on need) and one on a diversion programme for youth offenders (given low alignment to Policing Plan priorities, and to be considered further for funding by the Safer City Partnership). All funded bids will require monitoring and evaluation plans – these will mainly be built into the City Police's Power BI data portal.

8. As above, we see this as 'round 1' of a more permanent grant-making process, which is in part why we are keeping this limited to smaller-scale initiatives at present (i.e. in a trial phase). Further programme options are under consideration as part of work on our serious violence and victims strategies, and these will be communicated when further developed.

Conclusion

9. In summary – the Police Authority has, in 'round 1' of a proposed permanent grant-making programme, funded four bids totalling £26,000 for local crime and policing initiatives.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Police Authority 2023/24 budget

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Annex 1 – Police Authority budget 2023/24

This is the Police Authority budget as received Police Authority Board and approved by Members earlier this year:

Revenue Budgets 2022/23 and 2023/24	22/23 Latest Budget	22/23 Actuals Q3	22/23 Projected Outturn Q3	22/23 Variance vs.Budget	23/24 Projected Budget	23/24 vs 22/23 Budget
Employees	617	380	510	(107)	698	81
Other Employee Related Expenditure	15	13	13	(2)	15	-
Total Pay	**632**	**393**	**523**	**(109)**	**713**	**81**
Transport	2	-	-	(2)	2	-
Supplies and Services	366	1	59	(307)	285	(81)
Total Non-Pay	**368**	**1**	**59**	**(309)**	**287**	**(81)**
Total Expenditure	**1,000**	**394**	**582**	**(418)**	**1,000**	**-**