

<b>Committee(s):</b>	<b>Date(s):</b>
Safer City Partnership	November 2014
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Public</b>
Proceeds Of Crime Act (POCA) Allocation Update	
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>For Information</b>
Assistant Director – Safer City Partnership, Town Clerks	

### **Summary**

This report is intended to inform the Safer City Partnership of how the POCA money allocated to the Safer City Partnership is further allocated, managed and monitored.

It is the intention of officers with the responsibility for granting POCA funding to have projects that are successful in their bids report back to the SCP on progress of their project and produce an outcome report outlining what the project/ funding achieved.

With this process in place officers can ensure funding allocations are monitored, with the framework provides a level of accountability of Officers to the SCP. This also provides a process which is transparent for how the funds are being used to reduce crime and/or benefit the community. CoLP officers responsible for auditing POCA have endorsed this process as being good practice.

Attached is a schedule showing projects and activities which have been funded from the £150k POCA allocation to the SCP. Of this £37.5k was spent in 2013/14 and £112.5k carried forward to the current 2014/15 year. To date the SCP has allocated a further £106k for projects and activities to take place this year, with some of these being funded over a two year period.

With a robust process in place the SCP will be seeking to apply for a further 'pot' of POCA to make available to partner agencies to encourage innovation in reducing crime and/ or delivering projects that will benefit the community.

The report contains a brief summary of each of the funded projects.

### **Recommendation**

The Safer City Partnership is asked:

1. to note the contents of the report and
2. endorse the approach taken to manage, monitor and report on POCA projects funded from the allocation administered by the SCP.

## Main Report

### **Background**

1. The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA) is a wide ranging act aiming to take the profit out of criminality, a part of the act gives power to the police and other public bodies to confiscate assets and cash from individuals who are convicted of offences or on the balance of probability have benefited from their illegal activities. The Home Office operates the Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme (ARIS) where a proportion of the recovered assets is returned to the agency(ies) that recovered it.
2. Under ARIS guidance POCA funding received from the Home Office should be used by police forces to drive up performance on asset recovery and, where appropriate, to fund local crime fighting priorities for the benefit of the community.
3. The Safer City Partnership made a bid for and secured £150k from POCA money from the City of London Police. This 'pot' of money was then made available to partnering agencies to bid for. Any bids must meet the desired criteria of reducing crime or be of community benefit.
4. Submissions are assessed and approved by the Head of Service for the Community Safety Team (Assistant Director) and the Superintendent of Uniformed Policing (City of London Police).
5. Approved POCA Bids:
  - 1) London Fire Brigade – Cadets - £25k over two years – update on the agenda.
  - 2) Chain Torches for Cycle Theft campaign - £380 – Provided 200 UV torches for distribution to cyclists across the City.
  - 3) Business Crime Prevention Team (CoLP) £20,304 - This proposal is to introduce a Business Crime Prevention Team formed of accredited Crime Prevention Officers with knowledge in respect of physical security, fraud and cybercrime prevention.

This proposal supports the current MOPAC business crime strategy and the Serious and Organised Crime strategy as well as the recent HMIC report in to valuing police time. This will promote the COLPs already highly regarded crime prevention strategy ahead of the PEEL assessments later this year. This team will offer bespoke advice packages primarily targeting the SMEs in the City.

The team will not only provide advice to business crime victims but also function as a pro-active team to target harden potential victim businesses in line with prevailing crime trends.

This pro-active work will be achieved in collaboration with NFIB and FIB who will provide monthly intelligence packages relating to prevailing crime trends affecting businesses in the City.

To ensure this team is effective the current Business Engagement Sergeant will take on the role of Force Crime Prevention Co-ordinator within the Business Crime Prevention Team.

- 4) DARE Programme (CoLP) - £10k - DARE (Drugs Abuse Resistance Education) is run by Life Skills Education C.I.C. and is a national community interest company. DARE aim is to assist young people to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills to lead safe, healthy and productive lives. It operates from Nottingham and is used by only a few forces around the country. The City of London Police is extremely privileged to be able to continue to provide this worthwhile programme to children attending local schools. The programme assists:
- i. allowing children and young people to engage with the police in non-confrontational situations
  - ii. to develop life skills that will help them to make informed choices about drugs and alcohol
  - iii. it gives them the communication skills to effectively manage confrontation and stressful situations
  - iv. it opens dialogues between parents and children about topical issues that are difficult to discuss alternatively
  - v. it provides booklets with all the lessons and information taught so that children can take them away and re-read relevant bits in the future
  - vi. it provides education regarding the effects of drugs to hopefully reduce the likelihood that the children will use them in later life.
- 5) Pop up Hubs (Rough Sleeper Team CoLC) - £27,010 - Pop up Hubs are short term, temporary assessment centres are set up in a church in the City and open for five nights (Sunday-Thursday), five times a year. The aim is to generate a burst of intense activity and to use that momentum to bring people temporarily away from the streets – providing a place to sleep and more in-depth assessments, with follow-up provided by the Dellow Centre during the day to ensure action plans are progressed throughout the week. The project involves skilled outreach workers backed up by additional staff and input from partner agencies such as the Police and local day centres. All work intensively with rough sleepers (especially those who have been on the streets for a while) to find solutions to their homelessness. The hubs provide places to sleep indoors, hot drinks and light refreshments and have offices and private interview space. Partner agencies are involved to help move rapidly from assessment (once someone agrees to come to the hub) to a single service offer based on individual needs.
- 6) Taxi Marshalling via SCP - £24k – Marshalls a funded for Thursday and Saturday nights (TfL fund Friday nights). The Marshalls ensure that people who are trying to get home after a night in the City do so safely. Officers from the Safer City Partnership have validated the work done and the numbers of taxi journeys recorded, which average around 175, being dealt with by the Taxi Marshalls. Their presence helps reduce the likelihood of crime or violence as people queue for taxis. This was reported back to the last SCP where support was given to continue the funding through POCA where possible.

6. In the interests of transparency it is intended that each of these projects reports to back to the Safer City Partnership progress being made and/ or a report on the outcome of the project and what the difference/ achievement or impact the POCA funding has made.
7. Attached is a schedule showing the POCA budget and spend.
8. With a robust process in place the SCP will be seeking to apply for a further 'pot' of POCA to make available to partner agencies to encourage innovation in reducing crime and/ or delivering projects that will benefit the community.

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## Appendix 1

Approval required by :	Doug Wilkinson - Assistant Director for Safer City Partnership						
	Norma Collicott - A/ Chief Superintendent for City of London Police						
<b>Safer City Partnership - POCA</b>							
Income & Expenditure							
2013/2014							
<b>Income</b>		<b>2013/14</b>					
		<b>(£)</b>					
POCA Grant		150,000					
<b>Total Grant</b>		<b>150,000</b>					
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Spend</b>	<b>Balance</b>		
Funding for the Anti-Begging Campaign 13/14	CCS		£ 6,000	£ 6,000	0		
Bike Campaign	SCP		£ 6,000	£ 6,000	0		
Christmas Campaign CBS Outdoor	SCP		£ 13,000	£ 13,000	0		
TICTAC - Pooled urine collection	SCP		£ 5,000	£ 5,000	0		
Printing	SCP		£ 2,000	£ 2,000	0		
Durges Disposal	SCP		£ 800	£ 800	0		
Bike Register Kits	SCP		£ 4,700	£ 4,700	0		
				£ -			
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			<b>37,500</b>	<b>£ 37,500</b>			
<b>Balance Remaining March 2014</b>		<b>£ 112,500</b>					

<b>Safer City Partnership - POCA</b>								
Income & Expenditure								
2014/15								
<b>Income</b>	<b>2014/15</b>							
	<b>(£)</b>							
<b>POCA Grant</b>	<b>£ -</b>							
<b>Carried Forward</b>	<b>£ 112,500</b>							
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Date agreed</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Approved by</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Spend</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Grant to Community Fire Cadets	John Simpson	LFB	May-14	£ 25,000	DW/NC	£ 25,000	£ 25,000	0
Chain Torch for bike theft campaign	Hele Isaac	CoLP	Jul-14	£ 380	DW/NC	£ 380	£ 380	0
Buisness Crime Prevention Team	Alistair Seddon	CoLP	Aug-14	£ 20,304	DW/NC	£ 20,304	£ 20,304	0
DARE Yr1 (2 year Programme)	Claire Burgess	CoLP	Aug-14	£ 10,000	DW/NC	£ 10,000	£ 10,000	0
Taxi Marshalling	Paula Wilkinson	SCP	Sep-14	£ 24,000	DW/NC	£ 24,000	£ 24,000	0
Lord Mayors Show Give aways	Tracey Woods	CoLP	Oct-14	£ 12,000				
Pop-up Hubs (2X £13,505)	Davina Lilley	CCS	Oct-14	£ 27,010	DW/NC	£ 27,010	£ 27,010	
Funding for the Anti-Begging Campaign 14/15	Davina Lilley	CCS		£ 12,000				
<b>Total Expenditure</b>				<b>£ 130,694</b>		<b>106,694</b>	<b>£ 106,694</b>	
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	<b>5,806</b>							

Direct to POC/

Deferred