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 **Mayor’s Police and Crime Commissioner functions Decision Paper**

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| **Timing:** | 05/02/24 |
| **Title:** | SHOUT Programme |

**Decision-Maker:**

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| **Strategic Director / Head of Policing & Crime** | The following decisions have been delegated to the Strategic Director / Head of Policing and Crime:* Contract awards up to and including £250,000,
* Grants and funding up to and including £250,000,
* Any other agreements up to an including £250,000,
* Variation to contracts where variation is provided for in the original contract or to reflect an increase in the original contract value up to and including 10% where there is no change to the overall nature of the contract,
* In consultation with Finance and Legal, variation or extension to contracts to reflect an increase in the original value of the contract up to an including 50% where there is no change to the overall nature of the contract.
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**Details of Decision Paper:**

It was announced at the beginning of March 2022 that the West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Partnership will receive a further £14 million through Home Office central funding to work with all relevant agencies to support a multi-agency, public health, long-term approach to preventing and tackling serious violence between April 2022 – March 2025.

The Public Health approach requires us as a partnership to take primary prevention to prevent children and young people from being involved in violence and exploitation.

The Hillcrest Academy has been impacted by violence previously with knife crime outside the school premises. The surrounding area has also been noted as an MSOA area of note.

West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service (WYFRS) run a youth intervention programme called ‘SHOUT’ which is designed to help develop character in children by challenging their confidence, resilience, integrity and determination. The programme is designed to work best for those children who are vulnerable to use or instigate the use of blue light services at some point in their lives and through an exciting programme will help to develop resilience that can be drawn on throughout their lives. The programme works with experienced trainers and firefighters who are positive role models.

The programme runs over 6 weeks with a 2 hour session each week.

The school will utilise their own minibus facility to convey the children to the fire station.

We would like to support WYFRS to deliver the programme with a cohort from Hillcrest and the cost attached to this £975.

**Recommendation:**

Agree funding of £975 to support WYFRS to deliver the programme with a cohort of children from Hillcrest Academy

**Identify Budget and Affordability:**

Funding has been secured from the Home Office for the period April 22 – March 25. Proposed activity is in line with this

**Financial:**

£985 would go to WYFRS to deliver the provision.

**Staffing / Recruitment implications and requirements for Violence Reduction Partnership:**

Current staffing within the VRP will support the provision

**Commissioning and Procurement requirements:**

The Lead Manager for Commissioning and Partnerships advised:

It does not require a grant agreement and can be managed under a Purchase Order and for the Fire & Rescue service to then invoice us.  If you would like any reporting back from them, you will have to arrange and agree directly – *We will ensure that the we gather the reach of the programme and follow up separately with the school to understand changes in the cohort during and following the programme.*

**Relevant link/contribution that the Decision Paper makes to the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan:**

* Keeping People Safe & Building Resilience
* Safer Places & Thriving Communities

**Supporting and Dissenting Views:**

The request to fund this work is made in conjunction with the Senior Assistant Principal of Hillcrest Academy and supported as an appropriate intervention with the WYFRS Youth Interventions and Prince’s Trust Manager.

**Risks:**

The school and WYFRS will agree and manage the risk assessment for the programme and the school will take local responsibility to bring the children to and from school to the fire station each week.

Not supporting the delivery of this programme will impede the VRPs ability to efficiently match delivery to need and could impede delivering against the full HO grant.

**Equality & Diversity Implications:**

EQIA Completed

**Data Protection Implications:**

DPIA (Data Protection Impact Assessment) screening tool completed.

No personal data will be gathered as part of the programme. The school will provide the WYFRS with relevant information for safeguarding and risk assessments and this will be managed directly between them.

**Implications if not agreed:**

The implications for the VRP not delivering the commitments set out in the Home Office application are as follows:

* Not achieving reductions in the Home Office indicators as set out in the Home Office Grant Agreement:
	+ Reduction in hospital admissions for assaults with a knife or sharp object, especially among those victims aged under 25;
	+ Reduction in knife-enabled serious violence and especially among those victims under 25, based on police recorded crime data;
	+ Reduction in all non-domestic homicides and especially among those victims aged under 25 involving knives.
* Inability to fully utilise the grant provided from the Home Office resulting in funding being returned to the Home Office. This could pose reputational risk for the Mayor/Deputy Mayor and negative impact on the communities of West Yorkshire as partners are no longer able to readily access information to aid effective resource allocation decisions. This would impact negatively on relationships with the VRU/Mayor and Deputy Mayor and partners as potential opportunities for delivery would be lost.

**Handling:**

This work demonstrates a continued commitment to tackling serious violence and ensuring local priorities in West Yorkshire are being addressed.

There will be additional media opportunities based on the activity being requested – photography for VRP newsletter (where consent has been pre-agreed by parents, children, WYFRS and the school).