

## BRIEFING NOTE

### MANAGEMENT TEAM

24<sup>th</sup> January 2024

#### **SAFER STREETS FUNDING BID – ROUND 2 – 2023 / 2024**

Briefing Note prepared by Jenny Brouard Enforcement and Community Safety Co-ordinator

#### **PURPOSE OF BRIEFING NOTE**

To seek agreement from Management Team for the Community Safety Team to apply for funding to the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (OPFCC). This funding will address our local Community Safety Partnership priorities of Reducing Serious Violence, Violence against Women and Girls and tackling Anti-Social Behaviour and the root causes.

This bid will enhance and support our existing work programme, which when delivered will have a positive impact on all residents and businesses in the district. The projects outlined in the bid will support the priorities in the Councils Corporate Plan and the priorities in the Tendring Community Safety Delivery Plan 2024 / 2025.

#### **BACKGROUND**

This report seeks to identify the nature and level of reported crime and anti-social behavior (ASB) in Clacton and Harwich Town for the period 1st November 2022 to 31st October 2023, to assist Tendring District Council submit a bid for Safer Streets funding.

Essex Police published the below attached report and used Heat mapping to identify hotspots areas.

Golf Green	E220A
Rush Green	E220B
Peter Bruff	E220C
Bockings Elm	E220D
Alton Park	E221A
Pier	E221B
St. James	E221C
Burrsville	E222A
St. Johns	E222B
St. Bartholomews	E222C
Haven	E222D
St. Marys	E222E
St. Pauls	E222F
Harwich East	E238A
Harwich East Central	E238B

Page 5 of The Clacton and Harwich Town Crime and ASB illustrates Key findings for Clacton an example is below:

There were a total of 6372 offences reported to have been committed in the period 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 in the two wards namely Harwich East and Harwich East Central. This equates to a 15.9% year on year decrease however some of this decrease

could be attributed to the change in the recording method for Stalking and Harassment which came into effect in Summer 2022.

Page 6 has Key findings for Harwich an example below:

There were a total of 842 offences reported to have been committed in the period 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 in the two wards namely Harwich East and Harwich East Central. This equates to a 12% year on year decrease however some of this decrease could be attributed to the change in the recording method for Stalking and Harassment which came into effect in Summer 2022.

Page 10 – shows Tables 3 & 4 which focus on all crime including Domestic Violence in Clacton. The top three offences were:

Violence without injury 433

Public order offences 167

Violence with injury 166

Page 21 – shows table 14 which focus on all crime including Domestic Violence in Harwich. The top three offences were:

Violence without injury 65

Public order offences 30

Violence with injury 25

## **CURRENT POSITION**

Tendring District Council along with Essex Police are working in partnership around the local priorities for the Council and the Police to keep our communities safe and encourage visitors from across the county to visit our Coastal Town.

Elliot Blenkhorn Shopsafe work in partnership with local authorities to reduce crime in the Town Centre by connecting communities through instant group communication and information sharing apps. Each shop would have a radio in which to communicate with other shops and through the application be able to share pictures, intelligence instantly as well as support their local Town Policing Team with up-to-date information. There is a 24-hour help desk available to support all shops and face to face training is provided. All of this is included in a 12 month contract.

Karen Whybro is a gender equality consultancy and works with businesses and organisations to improve attitudes towards women, their safety, experiences and opportunities through positive cultural change and working practice. They have already demonstrated success in other areas of the County including Chelmsford and they are keen to work together to improve feelings of safety for women and girls in Tendring.

Theatre Inspiring Change – Tick Box Productions are a Multi Award winning theatre company who are passionate about empowering people and communities to make personal and social change. Their productions are a mixture of plays and interactive workshops that tackle discrimination, prejudice and inequality whilst celebrating diversity. They create a safe atmosphere for all students to “walk in the shoes” of the characters to recognise the

differences between each other, listen and feel the impact with empathy and passion to enable embedded change.

The Noise Application can support Ability to invite complainants to the application, accept pictures and video recordings and provides on demand free training to use the Noise Application. It also supports linked report requests linking other organisations which supports collaboration working to resolve any issues. This will in turn support our residents who report into the Council noise complaints and allow them to record and produce evidence which will assist our investigation.

Helping Our Community Stay Safe Booklet was issued to (number residents) and proved a fantastic tool in relation to crime prevention, modern slavery, VAWG, Fraud and Scams, Crimestoppers as well as providing a guide to all local council contacts and services. Our Community Safety Team were able to engage with hard to reach communities in which the booklet was used to break down any barriers.

From 2008-2018 Tendring District Council supported the TENBAC scheme before it disbanded which provide support to local businesses around theft and anti-social using the TENBAC Radio. The Council have already worked in partnership with Karen Whybro and Theatre Inspire Change delivering bespoke messages around VAWG and Young Persons Safety so new funding would allow the Council to reach out to support other parts of the community and schools. We currently have no application to aide noise related anti-social behaviour complaints so this initiative would support and benefit our residents. We have previously printed our Community Stay Safe Booklets which have proved beneficial at Community Engagement Events and have provided guidance and support to residents around Crime Prevention and how to Stay Safe. To be in a position to have these booklets again would help raise current awareness and to refresh our current priorities.

The reason for applying for this funding is to support our communities in Clacton and Harwich as well as Frinton and Walton which provide opportunities to prevent crime prevention and vulnerability which are part of our local Council Priorities which link in with the Police Crime Plan and the OPFCC Priorities.

#### **PROPOSAL**

That the Management Team note the contents of the briefing note. Management Team agree to the submission of the bid to OPFCC.

Once agreed an Officers Decision will be published.

#### **RISK**

There is no risk as the proposal will only benefit the communities of Tendring that we support.

Jenny Brouard Enforcement and Community Safety Co-ordinator will be managing the delivery of this project by working with external partners to co-ordinate delivery of the programs/projects, ensuring they are completed on time and within budget. Jenny will be supported by her Community Safety Team.

Any match funding will be in kind, Officers time and expertise and co-ordination of activities.

**ANY OTHER RELEVANT HEADINGS**



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