

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE *DECISION RECORD*

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DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Date: 04/04/2023

Officers present: Lily Thorne, James O'Connell, Chief Inspector Nicola Streets, Andy Champness

Received in OPCC Date:

OPCC Ref: EXE0015-23

Title: People Zones Round 1 Thringstone & Whitwick Successful Bids

Summary of Issue:

People Zones are locations with a boundary attached, that has been identified through crime and public health data. People Zones follow an Asset Based Community Development approach, which focuses on highlighting what assets are in the area and how we can help communities to build upon and enhance them. The hope is to empower residents and workers to work collaboratively to become a stronger, safer, and self-sustaining community.

To be eligible to apply for People Zone funding, applicants must be living, working, or providing a service within a People Zone, and the project must meet one or more of the themes identified within the People Zones research report. This decision relates to the second round of funding of 2023, ring fenced for the Thringstone & Whitwick people zone.

The Thringstone & Whitwick funding round opened on 27/02/2023 and closed on 27/03/2023. 4 applications were submitted during this time. Community Development Officers Lily Thorne and James O'Connell individually marked each application during the period 28/03/2023 – 03/04/2023, and then moderated their scores on 04/04/2023 under the supervision of Kaitlin Trenergy, Commissioning and Contracts Officer.

All 4 applications were approved by the PCC - this equates to a funding commitment of £14,197.00

Recommendation(s) presented:

Organisation	Name of project	Project brief	Geographical area	Amount of funding
Charles Booth Centre	Sunday Movie Mornings	The aim is to get families out socialising, which will reduce isolation in the community and provide an activity for all ages to engage in and enjoy, without the barrier of cost applying. The idea is to create cinema like experience with real tickets and snacks (sweets, popcorn etc) to give families the chance to enjoy their time together. After the movie, young people will have the time to play and meet new friends. Parents can also meet new people and relax with a cup of tea or coffee.	Thringstone & Whitwick People Zone	£4,673.29
Whitwick Scouts Group	Broadband	Having exhausted all other methods, it has become clear that the only means of ensuring the Scouts group can effectively deliver their sessions, is if they have this in place; which is to deliver internet service to Whitwick Scout HQ. This will ensure that the group has reliable access to Scouting program content, resources and badgework, all of which are now only accessible online; meaning that internet access is a necessity to the running of this project going forward. This will also support the wider community, as it is within the groups plan to stem the digital divide with the older generation (another need highlighted within the People Zone research report) and offer digital workshops and internet safety sessions to those in need. The Scouts group young people will also partake in these workshops, as it is a requirement to work with and support communities in order to receive	Thringstone & Whitwick People Zone	£3,024

		badges; which will ultimately strengthen community ties and enhance community cohesion (another need highlighted within the research report).		
Whitwick Scouts Group	Scout & DofE Awards	A key part of both Scouting and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme are the Expeditions where lifelong memories are made, along with significant life skills learnt in the weeks of training leading up to their expeditions. However, without access to the right equipment, the group are limited to what they can offer, especially for the older 14 to 25 age ranges, who demand more adventurous, challenging and involved programs and activities. This Project will expand the older (14 – 25 years) youth provision in new and exciting ways, by providing the necessary equipment to support top Scouting awards and a new initiative of Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions and training.	Thringstone & Whitwick People Zone	£4,514.46
Whitwick Scouts Group	Squirrels Section	Within the Whitwick and Thringstone areas there is a lack of provision for younger children in an evening. It was something that the scout group have noticed as requests are received for children as young as 2 years old to start with them. The group would like to open a Squirrel section, which will be ran for children between the ages of 4-6 years old. The hope is to run this project with parents on a 1:1 basis, creating a community feel that they would like to run through all the group, as the children move onto different sections (Beavers 6-8, Cubs 8-10, Scouts, 10-14, Explorers 14-18).	Thringstone & Whitwick People Zone	£1,985.25
				<u>£14,197.00</u>

Key discussion points

All bid applications were discussed in detail with the final decision on all bids made by the PCC.

OFFICE OF PCC APPROVAL

Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer:

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner

Signature:

Name: Kira Hughes

Date: 7/4/23

Publication Scheme

Decision of Monitoring Officer:

As Monitoring Officer for the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire I have determined that:

It is appropriate to publish this record of decision made by the Police and Crime Commissioner : **Yes**

It is appropriate to publish the contents of the report proposing this course of action prepared by either of the senior post holders in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire (i.e. either the Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer) : **Yes**

It is appropriate to publish details of the decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire : **Yes**

Reasons for any non-Publication (referencing appropriate legislation): None

Signature:

Name: Andy Champness Date: 6th April 2023

Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire

Having received the advice set out above and reviewed relevant documentation my decision in regard of this matter is: **Supported**

Signature

Date: 11/4/23

Rani Mahal