



Reference No: 28-2016

THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For PCC approval following agreement at the funding meeting on 21 January 2016

Title: Support for awareness raising promoted by Soroptimist International, Middlesbrough

Executive Summary:

Soroptimist International is a volunteer organisation for women who, through a global network of members and international partnerships, work at a local, national and international level to educate, empower and enable opportunities for women and girls.

United Nations Anti-Trafficking Gift Box – The United Nations Gift Box is part of a global 'Stop the Traffik' campaign aimed at educating people about modern day slavery. The unique gift box is an enormous vibrant piece of street art decorated with invites and promises and welcoming people inside. Inside the sculpture however, people are presented with a very different reality where sexual exploitation and human trafficking themes are illustrated. The idea of the box is to raise awareness of the issue of human trafficking and encourage people to support the campaign. It is an effective way of bringing this important issue into the heart of the community and encouraging those in need of support to gain the confidence to come forward.

The box is being hosted for the Soroptimist International and is being unveiled at the central City Library in Newcastle on Friday 4 March 2016. It is the first time the Gift Box has been brought to the North East region and in the support of this; the three North East Police and Crime Commissioners have agreed to provide funding for the transportation of the box to the area. It is hoped that by bringing it to the North East area a greater public awareness will be evident around human trafficking and the issues that surround this subject.

'Loves me Loves me not' bookmarks - The Soroptimists Middlesbrough have been supporting a project involving the provision of 'Loves me, Loves me not' bookmarks with the idea being to distribute throughout the Cleveland area to raise awareness of what is acceptable and what is unacceptable behaviour with the aim being to prevent violence against women and girls. The bookmarks are of an educational nature and will allow for young people to think carefully about their relationships and provide advice on warning signs to be aware of. Funding provided will enable bookmarks to be printed and circulated widely to a range of settings including; schools, colleges, Teesside University, GP Surgeries and Libraries etc.

Both of the initiatives above support the North East regional Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy by raising awareness and encouraging discussion on these important issues.

Decision: To agree to provide funding to the Soroptimist International Middlesbrough in support of the United Nations Gift Box (£750) and the 'Love me, Love me not' bookmarks (£600).

OPCC Lead Officer: Rachelle Kipling

Contractor Details (if applicable): Soroptimist International Middlesbrough

Implications:

Has consideration been taken of the following:

Financial

Yes

No

Legal

Equality & Diversity

Human Rights

Sustainability

Risk

(If yes please provide further details below)

Decision Required – Supporting Information

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC's CFO where the decision has financial implications)

Sufficient funding is available within the Community Safety Fund to support this proposal

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

Grant arrangement pursuant to the PCC's commissioning powers set out in s143 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014.

Equality and Diversity Implications

Human Rights Implications


Sustainability Implications

Risk Management Implications

OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive

I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been taken into account. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signed: 

Date: 14/3/16

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed: 

Date: 15/3/16