City and County of Cardiff I
Community Safety Partnership Chair
YOT Management Board Chair

Date: 16 October 2012

SAFER COMMUNITIES FUNDING (SCF)

Dear Ms Bhardwaja & Chief Superintendent Thomas

Purpose

The purpose of this letter is to set out the arrangements we have in place for consideration of the remaining SCF projects during this financial year and to provide you with further information on the development of the Regional Footprint for Public Service Delivery and how this will apply to the SCF.

Projects for the Financial Year 2012/13

The majority of Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) have now received approval of projects for this year and the funding tool has been updated accordingly. I would remind you that no amendments can be made to projects and no movement of funds between projects can take place without written approval from Welsh Government. Please note that this is the last year that the funding tool will be used.

Safer Communities Funding 2013/14

Background

The Programme for Government sets out the Welsh Government’s commitments to achieve, with its partners the delivery of effective and efficient public services in Wales. This included a commitment to set out a clear framework for regional collaboration based on the new public service delivery footprint, and working with partners to maximise the benefits of this for public services.
The Minister for Local Government and Communities set out a common geographical footprint for collaborative activity to the Partnership Council on 21 July 2011. The report provided clarity around how public services should collaborate in Wales. It also standardised a common set of geographical boundaries and regional arrangements to facilitate delivery by promoting stronger governance and accountability.

In the guidance for the SCF that was issued in April 2012, it was stated that from April 2013, the fund would move to the Welsh Government’s Footprint for Public Service Delivery. A number of meetings have been held with YOT Managers and CSP Officers to discuss the proposals and gain views on how the distribution of the SCF can work on a regional footprint basis.

**Regional Footprint**

The Regional Footprint is a geographical footprint for regional collaborative activity to provide clarity around how public services should work together. The aim of this is to ensure the alignment of local authority regional boundaries with the Local Health Board areas in Wales which consist of the following:

- Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board;
- Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board;
- Cardiff and Vale University Health Board;
- Cwm Taf Health Board;
- Hywel Dda Health Board and Powys Teaching Health Board; and
- Aneurin Bevan Health Board.

With regards to the South Wales Regional Footprint area, should aggregation up to the South Wales police footprint be considered a suitable option, this would be acceptable and would bring together the Health Board areas of Abertawe Bro Morganwwg, Cardiff and the Vale and Cwm Taf.

**Next Steps**

You are encouraged to work together regionally and establish what will work most effectively in your areas. Working collaboratively on projects will enable partnerships to share good practice and contribute towards delivering improved and cost effective services to communities across Wales.

Regions should confirm the footprint they wish to work to and advise us in writing by **12 November 2012**. Consideration will need to be given to which projects will work effectively across the region and what may still need to be delivered on a local basis. You may also wish to consider establishing an advisory group to oversee the arrangements that you have put in place, or where groups already exist then they should be used for this purpose.

However there is no formal requirement to establish a group. We would expect representatives from all the organisations involved from each Community Safety Partnership:- Police; Local Authorities; Youth Offending Teams; Fire and Rescue Service; the NHS; voluntary organisations; businesses and community groups to be involved in discussions.
Once you have established which projects work well together, you will need to complete a regional business case to be submitted to the Welsh Government. The business case must clearly:

- set out a description of the project and what you want to achieve
- how you will monitor and evaluate the project
- Your business case will also need to set out what project is regional and what is local.
- Evidence will need to be included to demonstrate what led you to that decision for each project.

2013/14 will be transitional year and we will be content with only a reduced number of pan-region projects as areas establish what projects will work across the region. Many CSPs already run projects which are the same or very similar so the foundations are already in place. It will be a requirement that the Regional Business Cases be signed off by key partners prior to submission to Welsh Government for funding. Guidance for this and a template Business Case is being developed by officials. Should you require information on what projects are operating in which regions we can provide this for you.

We will also be exploring the feasibility of each Region nominating a lead authority to act as the banker for each regional footprint area to receive and distribute the SCF. We are also considering renaming the Safer Communities Fund to the Youth Crime Prevention Fund as this better reflects the purpose of the fund.

**Indicative Budgets for the Financial Year 2013/14**

The Welsh Government’s draft budget proposals for the financial year 2013/14 were published on 2 October 2012 by the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House. The draft budget reflects the ongoing commitment to deliver a more prosperous economy, better and more efficient public services and improved outcomes for Wales.

The SCF distributed £4.5m to CSPs in 2012/13 to support projects aimed at diverting young people away from crime and anti-social behaviour. To assist with planning we are advising each region of their indicative budgets. You will be pleased to note that the indicative budgets for SCF in 2013/14 will be increased to £4.9m which is an uplift of 8% increase in funding across Wales.

The indicative budget for Cardiff & Vale University Health Board Region is £740,353. Please note that this is subject to confirmation after the final budget has been agreed.

**Finally**

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss further. Meetings will be set up on a regional basis to discuss how we can take this agenda forward, in order to support you in progressing this work. Please contact Vicky Best for further information or to arrange a meeting Vicky.best@wales.gsi.gov.uk 0300 062 8552.
Yours sincerely,

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