Briefing paper: Youth Crime Reduction and Sport programme

Background

StreetGames have been working closely with Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, (PCC), to build the relationship between the wider community safety network and how sport can have a positive impact on youth crime and Anti-social behaviour. The relationship has seen the StreetGames head of Sport and Community Safety being hosted by the PCC as a platform to build wider relationships across England and Wales.

As a result of this partnership a Home Office Innovation Fund bid was successfully submitted by Derbyshire PCC as a collaborative approach to this work. See appendix 1 for full list of partners in the bid. In total the project cost was £263,800 over two years commencing April 2015 to March 2017. See appendix 2 for timeline of project and key milestones. Funding secured by the Home Office bid was for £121,300 with the remaining balance being made up from match funding in cash and resources.

Programme outline

The key objectives of this project are:

- 1. To develop an evidence base to Maryland Scale Level 4 standard which shows the most effective ways to maximise the value of appropriately designed sport interventions to policing and youth crime reduction.
- 2. To quantify financial savings and efficiencies in line with the guidance provided in The Green Book
- 3. To engender more effective collaboration between police, crime agencies, local government, and community sport agencies.
- 4. To establish the project Expert Group as a valued source of advice for government departments and the third sector.
- 5. To demonstrate the value of community sports interventions in deprived areas through youth engagement and offer support pathways for young people at risk of becoming victims, especially teenage girls.
- 6. Spread widely the understanding of the critical success factors of an effective intervention

How we said we'd do this..

- The project will create a task and finish Expert Group (see 1.2) to bring together the three sectors of police, local government, and sport to lead and deliver this project. The administration of the bid and the secretariat function to the Expert Group will be provided by Derbyshire PCC. The PCC will manage expenditure through their robust internal control systems.
- The Expert Group will meet around a table 3 times a year over the two years of the Innovation Funding. In addition, there will be communication using video conferencing, interactive website and email groups.
- The organisations in the Expert Group will be practitioners and sector leaders in the field of sport and youth crime reduction

Additional benefits and opportunities

- The application of the learning from this programme will be widespread and stretch beyond policing. We expect the new evidence base to lever new investment from community sports and local authority budgets both during and after the project.
- The national scale of this work will produce economies of scale there will be no need for PCCs to replicate the research and impact assessments.
- The new evidence base that this project creates will lead to better commissioning and so prevent wasted investment in ineffective youth crime interventions.

APPENDIX 1: Key partners involved

Lead PCC completing the bid Alan Charles – Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner

	Partner PCC's
2	Vera Baird – Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner
3	Tony Lloyd – Greater Manchester Police and Crime Commissioner
4	Bill Longmore – West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner
5	John Dwyer – Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner
6	Paddy Tipping – Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner
7	Winston Roddick – North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner

Additional PCC's who have expressed an interest in joining the project once it is operational: Dorset, Surrey, Cambridgeshire, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, West Midlands and Sussex

	Partner Organisations
8	Jane Ashworth – StreetGames
9	Robert Street – Youth Justice Board
10	Simon Edens – National Policing Lead for Anti-Social Behaviour ACPO
11	Tony Costello – Coventry Solihull & Warwickshire Sport (Community Sports Partnership Network representative)
12	Abigail Patterson – Network Rail
13	Jackie Bryson - Sport England (replacement to be proposed)
14	Olivier Pickney – National Police Lead for Young People

Consulted Organisations								
Paul Quinton - College of Policing								
Clare O'Sullivan - Association of PCC								

APPENDIX 2

1.6 – Key deliverables																										
	YEAR 1 (APRIL 2015- MARCH 2016)											YEAR 2 (APRIL 2016 – MARCH 2017)														
			PHA	SE 1			PHASE 2							PHASE 3												
MONTH OUTPUTS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Project launch, including mobilisation of core partners through agreed communication plan																										
Recruitment of Local Intervention Support Worker																										
Induction / project planning/Project start up including communications and dissemination plans																										
Tender and appoint evaluation phase, in partnership with College of Policing																										
Expert Group meetings																										
Establish new strategic partnerships																										
Identify and plan local interventions																										
7 x Local interventions commence																										
Establish new local partnerships in 7 PCC areas																										
Agree and establishing evidence base																										
Dissemination activity via police and sport and LA networks																										
Dissemination conference																										
End of project impact report and next steps including recommendations for scaling up and nationwide replication																										