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LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**Private Meeting of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership held in the Council Chamber, Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn on Tuesday, 16th April, 2024 at 6.00 pm**

PRESENT: Councillor A Givan (Chairman)
 Councillor J Gallen
 Councillor B Higginson
 Councillor C Kemp
 Councillor J Lavery
 Councillor S Lowry
 Councillor A Martin
 Mr D McBurney
 Councillor M McKeever
 Mrs Y Craig
 Ms Aisling Playford

PRESENT IN A REMOTE LOCATION: Councillor P Burke
 Councillor T Mitchell
 Mrs G Conroy
 Mr J Bentley
 Ms F McKibben (PBNi)
 Mrs P Yellamaty (Vice Chairperson)

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
 Acting PCSP Manager
 PCSP Officer (JB)
 Member Services Officers (BS and EW)

Designated Organisations
 Mr D Marley, NIHE
 Acting Chief Inspector Katrina McMullan, PSNI
 Mr Johnny Crymble, Education Authority
 Ms F McKibben, Probation Board NI

Commencement of the Meeting

The Chairman, Councillor A Givan, welcomed everyone to the private meeting of the PCSP.

1. Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Mr P Dean (Independent Member), Superintendent K Moore (PSNI) and Mr C Weir (NIFRS).

2. Declarations of Interest

During the course of the meeting the Acting Chief Inspector, K McMullan, declared an interest in item 3 of the Acting PCSP Manager's report, Applications for Funding Under £500, in view of the PSNI having been successful in its application for funding towards a work experience initiative which was taking place from 18-20 June 2024.

3. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor J Laverty, seconded by Mr D McBurney, and agreed that the minutes of the undernoted meetings be adopted:

- Private Meeting held on 16th January 2024
- Special Private Meeting held on 20 February 2024
- Policing Committee held on 20 February 2024
- Public Themed Meeting held on 19 March 2024

3.1 Matters Arising

Private Meeting held on 16 January 2024 Item 3.1 Bike Marking Event – Carryduff Area

Councillor B Higginson referred to the forthcoming bike marking event and reminded of the need for the relevant Neighbourhood Policing team to be made aware of the date and time for this event.

4. Update from Statutory Partners

The following representatives from the statutory organisations provided updates on the work of their respective organisations with regards to their community safety priorities:

4.1 Update from PSNI

In the absence of Superintendent K Moore, the Acting Chief Inspector, K McMullan, presented the update for the PSNI.

At the outset CI McMullan thanked the Partnership for their support at the PSNI's recent Retail Crime meeting which was aimed at business owners in helping to prevent crime and fear of crime. These events also provided an opportunity for business owners to sign up to the Business Watch scheme. To date 89 businesses had signed up to this scheme.

During her update, Chief Inspector McMullan highlight the following in regard to the Lisburn and Castlereagh area:

4.1 Update from PSNI (Cont'd)

- low levels of retail crime/burglaries currently
- one incident of a creeper burglary in February
- home safety initiatives continue to be promoted by the PSNI along with the PCSP
- plans for the public launch of the new Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Hillsborough
- a number of events on scams and home security have been progressed by the PSNI's Crime Prevention Officer along with the PCSP
- difficulty in detecting drugs possession and supply due to changing trends. One successful case in March, with the assistance of Border Force Officers, was the uncovering of 12 kg of cannabis and E-tablets. The PSNI had donated proceeds of the Court order arising from this prosecution to Ascertainment NI.
- an incident of knife crime the previous weekend had involved young adults known to each other and which had resulted in a charge of attempted murder. A number of sessions had been delivered to local school children in terms of educating young people on this type of crime.
- road safety focus during April included drink/drug driving, excess speed, failing to wear seatbelt and using mobile phone whilst driving
- a recent engagement event by the PSNI with young people focused on the themes of 'stop and search' and anti-social behaviour
- plans were underway for the Community Safety stand at Balmoral Show in partnership with PCSP's, Policing Board and DOJ (Serious & Organised Crime). There would be a wide range of themes covered during each of the four days including reducing on the themes of violence against women and girls and also wildlife
- update on the local Policing Plan

At the conclusion of Chief Inspector McMullan's update the following issues were raised by members of the Partnership:

- Mrs P Yellamaty enquired if the apprehensions for driving under the influence of drugs were in relation to prescription drugs or illegal drugs, and if such cases were increasing across the Council area. During her response Chief Inspector McMullan advised that the PSNI had been engaging with schools on the issue of drugs.
- the Chairperson, Councillor A Givan, enquired about any impact for the Council area as a result of the reported closure of PSNI front desks and also the movement of PSNI personnel to other locations
- Councillor M McKeever put on record the appreciation of Fourwinds Community group in connection with the Dundonald Neighbourhood Team support at a recent community event
- Councillor M McKeever referred to a recent incident when a mother and young child had been taken upstairs during a burglary and enquired if such incidents were common in the LCCC area.
- Councillor B Higginson, on behalf of the local residents, asked that thanks and appreciation be conveyed to the Castlereagh Neighbourhood Policing team for their efforts recently in regard to the speed cameras in place at Beechill Road/Purdysburn Road area.

4.2 Update from Mr J Crymble, Education Authority

Mr Crymble provided an update in relation to recent community initiatives by the Education Authority, including:

- the success of the recent Youth Council conference attended by 60 young people at Ards & North Down Council, and also the Youth Council's residential trip to Dublin
- the visit from a youth group from Dublin to Brooklands Youth Centre in Ballybeen
- the young person from Brooklands Youth Centre who won the Youth Impact Award at the Council's Mayor's Community Awards event recently
- the Education Authority's summer schemes had no confirmed budget yet, however a basic programme of activities would be put in place

4.3 Update from Ms F McKibben, Probation Board NI

Ms F McKibben discussed the role of the Probation Board NI which had a central role in the criminal justice system the aim of which was to prevent offenders from coming back into the criminal justice system and thus making communities safer. Ms McKibben advised that a high proportion of users have drug and alcohol behaviour issues which leads to criminal activity; and that the Board was managing an increasing complexity of cases.

Ms McKibben also advised that staff retention and pay were significant issues for the Board currently.

Ms McKibben responded to questions from the Partnership as follows:

- Ms Y Craig enquired about the percentage of offenders that re-offend and the percentage of offenders who do not re-offend. Ms McKibben advised that she did not have exact figures on percentage of re-offenders to hand. She explained that the tendency to re-offend often depended on type of offence in question. Ms McKibben undertook to obtain such figures for the Partnership.

Ms Y Craig indicated that she would wish to see the outcomes of each of the programmes being delivered by PBNI, and was hopeful that the percentage of re-offending was reduced due to engaging with the likes of Ascertain.

- The Chairperson enquired as to how many clients PBNI managed in the Lisburn & Castlereagh Council area. Ms McKibben advised that there was approximately a total of 4,000 clients in their system currently, the majority being adult males. She undertook to obtain the number of clients for the LCCC area.

4.4 Update from Mr D Marley, NIHE

Mr Marley highlighted a number of issues including:

- there were four reported cases of antisocial behaviour during February bringing the total to 56 for the current financial year. He indicated that this did not reflect the actual picture and that he believed a number of incidents were

4.4 Update from Mr D Marley, NIHE (Cont'd)

not being reported. He also advised that 90% of cases had been responded to within 3 days of being registered.

- one incident of a house fire in March which was not as serious as the house fire that had been reported on previously. Mr Marley expressed thanks the team from the Fire & Rescue Service for their prompt actions on the evening.
- two reported tree falls in the Dundonald area which has caused extensive damage to some vehicles and minor damage to nearby properties.

Mr Marley responded to a question from Councillor J Lavery in relation to the issue raised at the previous meeting of the Partnership in connection with the NIHE's assessment appraisal criteria. Mr Marley advised that he had no further update and that the issue was with their Fundamental Review Allocation team currently, and that DfC also were keen to have a fundamental review on the assessment criteria. Mr Marley undertook to relay the Partnerships disappointment on this matter to NIHE's Policy Unit.

At the conclusion of the updates from the Statutory Partners, the Chairman, Councillor A Givan, thanked all the statutory agency representatives present for their contributions.

5.0 Report of the Acting PCSP Manager

5.1 Participatory Budgeting (Grand Choice) Update- Castlereagh East Update

The Acting PCSP Manager reported that the community showcase event for the Grand Choice participatory budgeting initiative for Castlereagh East had been held on Saturday 9 March 2024 at St Mary's Parish Church, Ballybeen, Dundonald. Twenty six applicants had competed on the day showcasing their projects.

The Partnership had been furnished with a list of the applicants and projects who competed for funding.

The Acting PCSP Manager advised that the event had included wider engagement opportunities for the community including the presence of the Neighbourhood Police Officers, Choice Housing representatives together with LCCC Community Services Officers who supported the event. It was noted that there had been 755 votes cast which resulted in 16 groups across the DEA being awarded a total of £15,412.30. The voting results and amounts awarded to each of the 16 successful groups were also detailed in the appended document.

It was noted that social media coverage from the event could be viewed on the PCSP Facebook page.

Councillor J Lavery having expressed thanks and congratulations to all involved in this event made a number of comments, including:

5.1 Participatory Budgeting (Grand Choice) Update- Castlereagh East Update (Cont'd)

- a) the need to review the voting process in view of, for example, schools having more than one application which can result in significant support from families etc., and the disadvantage for other groups competing who cannot avail of this level of support.
- b) the need to review the actual voting process to make it easier for the admin teams following the event, perhaps with the use of mobile phones on the day, and
- c) the need for a bigger venue for this event.

Councillor S Lowry concurred with the comments raised by Councillor Laverty and stated that she too was aware of some unsuccessful groups being disappointed.

Mrs P Yellamaty, Vice Chairperson, having also commended the organisation of this event enquired in relation to the advertising of this initiative as she had spoken with an elderly couple on the day who had suggested that it would be beneficial to have the event promoted in the likes of shops and community halls, etc.. Mrs Yellamaty asked that the Partnership give this matter consideration.

Councillor McKeever referred to the success of the sensory room project and welcomed this type of project.

The Chairperson, Councillor A Givan, suggested that as this was the end of the current cycle of Grand Choice events, this would be a good time for a review of the Grand Choice criteria to be undertaken to ensure a more fair and equitable process. The Chairperson suggested that members of the Partnership forward any ideas they may have on a review of the criteria for the next round of Grand Choice events to the Acting PCSP Manager or the PCSP Officer (JB) in the first instance.

In response to comments by Councillor J Laverty, the Acting PCSP Manager advised that there were governance issues relating to the upper limit of £1,000 awarded through the Grand Choice initiative and that there were other funding initiatives that would allow for more flexible funding awards under the community safety theme. The Acting PCSP Manager undertook to look into the issues raised.

The Acting PCSP Manager, along with the PCSP Officer (JB) undertook to give the matter of a review of the criteria for the Grand Choice initiative consideration, taking account of the comments raised by members of the Partnership at the meeting that evening and also at previous meetings with a view to a report coming forward in due course.

Following comments from Mr D Marley, NIHE, the Chairperson suggested that the PCSP Officer liaise with Mr Marley in connection with issue of 'age profile' being taken into account when undertaking any review of criteria.

The PCSP Officer (JB) responded to a comment from Councillor M McKeever in connection with the next cycle of Grand Choice events.

5.1 Participatory Budgeting (Grand Choice) Update- Castlereagh East Update (Cont'd)

It was agreed that the report on the Castlereagh East Participatory Budgeting (Grand Choice) event be noted.

5.2 Project Support Programme 2024/2025 – Proposed Time Scales

The Acting PCSP Manager's report outlined the key issues in connection with the Project Support Programme that had been agreed as part of the PCSP's Action Plan for 2024/25. The scheme invited applications from constituted community groups, neighbourhood watch schemes and Community Police Liaison Committees for funding ranging from £500 up to a maximum of £5000, with all projects to be completed before 28 February 2025.

The report highlighted the themes that submissions to this Programme must adhere as well as the timeline for the programme.

It was agreed that:

- a) the timeline for the Project Support Programme, as outlined, be agreed and
- b) Councillor S Lowry and Mr D McBurney be nominated to sit on the Project Support Programme assessment panel along with the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Partnership and a PSNI representative. It was further agreed that Mrs A Playford be nominated as a reserve panel member.

5.3 Application for Funding Under £500

It was proposed by Mrs Y Craig, seconded by Councillor T Mitchell, and agreed that the Partnership approve the following funding applications for projects under £500, and that retrospective approval be granted in connection with the first two awards, namely; Derriaghy LOL and Lisburn Young Defenders Flute Band.

| Group | Project | Amount Requested |
|--|---|------------------|
| 1. Derriaghy LOL | Marshalling training for Lodge members to assist at large scale public events | £500 |
| 2. Lisburn Young Defenders Flute Band | Engagement event with PSNI Lisburn City Neighbourhood Team – 23 March 2024 | £495 |
| 3. PSNI | Work Experience – 18-20 June 2024 | £500 |

5.3 Application for Funding Under £500 (Cont'd)

The PCSP Officer (JB) elaborated on the PSNI Work Experience initiative which would take place from 18-20 June 2024, it being noted that the PCSP had been requested to set aside a short period of time to highlight the work of the Partnership to the work experience students.

The PCSP Officer responded to a question from the Chairperson in regard to the delivery of marshalling training.

5.5 Balmoral Show

The Acting PCSP Manager reported that the PCSP would be an integral part of the Community Safety marquee at the Balmoral Show for the 4 days from the 15 – 18 May 2024, it being noted that Fermanagh & Omagh and Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSPs would also have a presence on the stand alongside the PSNI, Serious & Organised Crime (DOJ) and the Northern Ireland Policing Board.

It was agreed to recommend that the report on the 2024 Balmoral Show be noted.

5.6 Community Policing Survey 2024

The Acting PCSP Manager reported that the 2024 Community Policing Survey had been launched on Monday 8 April and would remain open until 30 June, it being noted that the PCSP team had been actively sharing the link with stakeholders to encourage them complete the survey. The link to the survey had been included in the report circulated.

It was agreed to recommend that the Partnership encourages the completion of this survey and that the link to the survey be included on the PCSP Facebook page.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Ladies Road Safety Night Acting PCSP Manager

The Acting PCSP Manager informed the Partnership that she had been contacted by Alderman Hazel Legge recently in regard to a road safety event for ladies organised by Antrim & Newtownabbey District Council and that she, together with the PCSP Officer (JB) were currently working on an itinerary for a similar type of event in mid-June.

6.2 Traffic Lights at Prince William Road
Chairperson, Councillor A Givan

Chief Inspector K McMullan responded to concerns raised by the Chairperson in regard to the operation of the new traffic lights at the junction of the Prince William Road and Ballymacash Road. It was noted that these concerns had been raised also on social media. The Chairperson reported that there had been a number of 'near misses' due to the scheduling of the lights and enquired if new signage could be erected to draw motorists attention to the new system of lights.

Mrs A Playford referred to this matter having been raised by local MLAs and undertook to forward to the Partnership a copy of the letter that had been issued to DfI Roads Service from a local MLA.

6.3 Speed Indicator Device (SID) on Saintfield Road, Carryduff
Councillor B Higginson

Councillor B Higginson, on behalf of the residents of Killynure, conveyed thanks to the PCSP Officer (JB) for his efforts in progressing the repair to the SID on the Ballynahinch Road, Carryduff.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7.46 pm.

Chairperson

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

PRIVATE MEETING – 21 May 2024

REPORT OF THE ACTING PCSP MANAGER

1. Participatory Budgeting (Grand Choice) Review

Background

Participatory Budgeting (PB) is a way for people to get involved and decide how public funds are allocated in their community. It empowers citizens have a direct say on how resources are used to address local needs.

However, PB is much more than just deciding how resources are allocated. It provides opportunities for communities to build relationships and make connections with other groups and community members at the decision-making events.

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council has been using the PB initiative, Grand Choice, as part of its decision-making process since 2020 when the first phase was introduced in the Killultagh DEA.

Grand Choice has been successfully delivered in all 7 DEAs and is firmly embedded in the Council's DEA Investment Plan.

Context

At the PCSP meeting held on 16 April 2024 it was agreed that Officers would review the following elements of Grand Choice prior to the next phase of the project:

- Eligibility criteria
- Multiple applications from groups or umbrella organisations
- Voting process – use of electronic/online means
- Increasing the maximum level of funding beyond £1,000

As part of the review process Officers considered the following information:

- ABC Council Take 500+ - [TAK£500+ - YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR SAY, YOUR WAY! - Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council \(armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk\)](#);
- Whiteabbey Grab a Grand - [Whiteabbey 'Grab a Grand' - Community Places](#);
- Community Places Participatory Budgeting Charter - [Community Places Participatory Budgeting Charter](#); Community Places is a Northern Ireland based social economy business that works with local councils in providing support for the implementation of PB initiatives;

- Participatory budgeting case studies included on the Community Places website [Participatory Budgeting Case Studies - Community Places](#);
- Feedback from PCSP Members.

Outcomes

Eligibility Criteria

The eligibility criteria used in the Take 500+ and Grab a Grand schemes are very similar to that of Grand Choice.

PB criteria is intentionally kept simple to encourage applications from groups who cannot normally access more structured public funding opportunities.

Multiple Applications

Multiple applications have been received from groups or umbrella organisations throughout the Grand Choice process. However, not all projects have been successful in securing funding. This is illustrated below:

| Downshire West | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 4 applications from one group | 2 received funding |
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| Downshire East | |
| 3 applications from one group | 2 received funding |
| | |
| Castlereagh South | |
| 2 applications from one group | 1 received funding |

There have been challenges in the past in attracting enough applications to facilitate the competitive process of PB. This has resulted in closing dates being extended. Limiting the number of applications from groups could present difficulties in acquiring an adequate number of participants.

Voting Process

The case studies reviewed on the Community Places website all use hard copy in person voting and manual vote counting. This appears to be the current trend across Northern Ireland. Nonetheless, Officers will continue to research options by looking further afield at other models used in England and Scotland.

However, it should be acknowledged that PB is purposefully designed to be an in-person process with in-room voting. The integral reason behind this being to create the best circumstances for groups to establish and strengthen community connections.

In respect of Grand Choice, the counting of votes has not been an administrative burden due to the level of support from our partner agencies. The entire process is usually completed within 3 hours.

Increased Level of Funding

Research of other PB processes has shown that £1,000 appears to be the maximum level of funding available.

If the £1,000 threshold was increased it could have the following impact:

- Onerous paperwork and monitoring reports for applicants when submitting funding claims.
- Diminished inclusivity and access to funding for non-constituted groups due to higher level criteria. There are numerous other funding sources available to constituted groups.
- The number of projects funded in each DEA would be reduced if the budget remained the same - £15,000 per DEA.
- If the overall Grand Choice budget was to be increased to this would put other projects in the PCSP Action Plan at risk.

Proposed Way Forward

Taking account of the above findings and the learning outcomes from the first phase of Grand Choice the following amendments to the eligibility criteria are proposed:

| Current Criteria | Proposed Criteria |
|--|---|
| A group of 3 or more people can apply | A group of 3 or more people can apply |
| <p>Rationale</p> <p>No changes for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ethos of PB is to increase levels of participation and engagement within communities. By keeping this criteria the same supports the opportunity for entire communities to participate and access funding. • There are very limited funding options available to small groups. • Encourages engagement with people who would not normally apply for public funds. | |
| Open to both constituted and non-constituted groups. Non-constituted groups require a constituted group to sponsor the application. | Open to both constituted and non-constituted groups. Non-constituted groups require a constituted group to sponsor the application. |
| <p>Rationale</p> <p>No changes proposed for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are multiple funding opportunities available to constituted groups. • The process needs to be simple and accessible to all groups in order to attract large numbers of applicants to participate in the marketplace event. • PB requires a minimum of 20 applications for the democratic process to work. | |

| Current Criteria | Proposed Criteria |
|--|---|
| The project should take place in the District Electoral Area (DEA) where the Grand Choice event is being held. | The project must take place in the District Electoral Area (DEA) where the Grand Choice event is being held. |
| <p>Rationale</p> <p>This criterion has been changed for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure the allocated funding remains in the DEA. To exclude applications for projects taking place outside the target area. | |
| Projects must relate to at least one of the Take 5 Ways to Wellbeing. | Projects must relate to at least one of the Take 5 Ways to Wellbeing or a policing and community safety theme. |
| <p>Rationale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This criterion has been changed to ensure projects meet the aims and objectives of the PCSP Action Plan as well as the Take 5 Ways to Wellbeing. | |
| Feasible, within budget (up to £1,000) and delivered within the specified timeframe of 3 months. | Feasible, within budget (up to £1,000) and delivered within the specified timeframe of 6 months. |
| <p>Rationale</p> <p>This criterion has been changed for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The timeframe has been changed from 3 months to 6 months as project promoters have found it challenging to deliver their projects in the timescale. A number of extensions have been sought throughout phase 1 of Grand Choice. <p>No change has been proposed to the maximum level of funding for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To keep the process simple and inclusive for entire communities. To provide support to small non-constituted groups. To have the capacity to support 15 projects in each DEA. | |

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Partnership:

- Agrees the revised criteria for the next phase of Grand Choice;
- Continues to accept more than one application from groups or umbrella organisations; and, that Officers agree to proactively adopt new promotional campaigns to attract applications from target groups who have not previously engaged in the Grand Choice process;

- Continues to use the current voting method whilst Officers continue to look at models used in other regions; and
- The maximum level of funding remains at £1,000.

2. Road Safety NI

Road Safe NI (formerly known as the Road Safety Council of Northern Ireland) is Northern Ireland's leading road safety charity. It is a voluntary organisation whose aim is to promote safety on our roads. Their volunteers are committed to saving lives through raising awareness and improving road safety by changing road user attitudes and behaviours.

Currently seven out of the eleven councils have a Road Safety Committee which works closely with statutory, voluntary and private sector organisations to deliver a programme of campaigns, activities and events in their area.

Road Safety NI has informed the PCSP that they hope to establish a Road Safety Committee within the Lisburn & Castlereagh area. They are planning to hold an information evening in the coming months to gauge local interest and hopefully progress the formation of a group. If a local committee is formed the PCSP will be invited to nominate a representative.

Officers will keep the Partnership updated as arrangements are known.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Partnership notes this item.

3. Ladies Vehicle Maintenance & Safety Evening

A Ladies Vehicle Maintenance & Safety Evening has been planned for Wednesday 26 June 2024 in Gilnahirk Tyre & Exhaust Centre, Dundonald at 7.30 pm. This will be an informative session to teach all the under the bonnet basics leaving ladies feeling more confident on the road.

At the masterclass participants can expect to learn:

- About tyre pressures and how to check them
- How to deal with a flat tyre
- How to check and top up fluid levels
- How to spot poor wheel alignment and understand why this matters
- How to check tyre tread depth
- Dashboard warning lights and what they mean
- General road safety advice from PSNI

Registration will be essential for this event as spaces are limited.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Partnership notes this event and shares the information with relevant interest groups.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING OVER £500

| Group | Project | Amount | Appendix |
|-----------------|---|---------------|-----------------|
| Dream Scheme NI | Provision of a drop-in centre and outreach service to reduce anti-social behaviour in the Four Winds, Cairnshill Playing Fields, Colby Park and Carryduff areas. This project is in line with Strategic Priority 2 of the PCSP Action Plan – ASB. | £5000 | Appendix 1 |
| ONUS | Provision of a Safe Church & Community Scheme for Domestic Awareness Training across Lisburn & Castlereagh. This project is in line with Strategic Priority 2 of the Action Plan – Domestic Violence. | £4000 | Appendix 2 |

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Partnership approves the above-named funding applications.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING UNDER £500

The following funding applications for projects under £500 have been received. Each of the applicants have outlined in their application how the activity meets the

| Group | Project | Amount Requested |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Hillhall Regeneration Group | Family Fun Day/Diversional Activities 11 July 2024 | £500 |
| PSNI | Dreamscheme Engagement – August 2024 | £250 |
| Seymourhill & Conway CA | Family Fun Day/Diversional Activities 11 July 2024 | £500 |

| Group | Project | Amount Requested |
|---|--|------------------|
| PSNI | Ballybeen Engagement during July 2024 | £500 |
| Hillsborough Junior LOL | Engagement/Diversiory Activities during July 2024 | £500 |
| Glenavy Hurling | Diversiory Activities – May – December 2024 | £500 |
| Old Warren Community Association | Diversiory Activities 11 July 2024 | £500 |
| Halftown Residents Association | Engagement/Diversiory Activities 11 July 2024 | £500 |
| Ballymacash Regeneration Network | Family Fun Day/Diversiory Activities 11 July 2024 | £500 |

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Partnership approves the above funding applications.

CATHY ADAMSON
ACTING PCSP MANAGER
16 May 2024



PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Organisation Name: Dreamscheme Northern Ireland

Project Name: Dreamscheme Summer Intervention Programme 2024

Project Address: 77a Saintfield Road

Post Code: BT8 7HN Email: info@dreamschemeni.org

Project Co-ordinator: ___Lizzie Brown_____

Telephone No:(work) ___ 07547457959 _____ Mobile No: ___ 07547457959 _____

Postcode___ BT8 7HN _____ Email: ___lizzie.brown@dreamschemeni.org_____

Council Ward: ___Castlereagh South

(You must define the Council Ward where the beneficiaries of your project comes from.)

Geographical Area covered by the Project: ___Breda, Beechill, Cairnshill

Project Start Date: ___14 June 2024_____ Project End Date: ___27 September 2024

Total Project Cost (inc Match Funding): ___£6011.60

Total Amount Requested from PCSP: _____£5000__

1 Please describe the main activities of your group

MISSION

We seek to release the potential of young people growing up in disadvantaged communities in Northern Ireland.

Young people living in housing estates often face an up-hill struggle as they grow, including:

DESTRUCTIVE INFLUENCES: Paramilitary/organised crime groups continue to have an active and dangerous influence in many of Northern Ireland's housing estates, recruiting boys for drug-dealing and girls for sexual exploitation.

PEER-PRESSURE ON THE STREETS: Young people in housing estates lack safe spaces to socialise and often find themselves in public spaces where they face pressure from friends to take part in anti-social behaviour (playing with fireworks, graffiti on walls, throwing stones) and risk-taking behaviour (drugs and alcohol abuse).

LACK OF ROLE MODELS: Young people often have single-parent families (sometimes more than 30% of young people in local estates have an absent father) – and thus a lack of positive male role models in their life. Research shows this is a major negative influence on girls and boys.

In response to these needs, Dreamscheme provides long-term, intentional youth services for at-risk young people, including:

CONNECT PROGRAMME: Where young people learn with friends in a safe environment. Our CONNECT nights and FILTER cafes are held weekly in each Dreamscheme hub. They include a mix of fun activities and informal learning on key topics such as mental health, life skills, relationships and choices.

WORK PROJECTS: Where young people learn skills and do creative or practical projects. WORK projects are held throughout the year with young people involved in planning and doing meaningful work. Examples include community clean-ups, a youth podcast and a seniors dinner.

EXPERIENCES & TRIPS: Where young people step out of their comfort zone. During the holiday periods, we give young people the opportunity to be part of inspirational trips including residentials, day experiences, and an overseas camp in Portugal.

MENTORING: Where young people get 1:1 support to cope or overcome. We partner with secondary schools to provide 1:1 support to pupils with needs, including family issues, anger problems or risk-taking habits.

2 Outline the community safety issues in the geographical area which will be covered by the project. You should attach press cuttings, statistics, community surveys etc if these are available.

- Underage abuse of drugs – emerging issue with vaping (a gateway to drug use)
- Underage abuse of alcohol
- Online safety – pornography, sexting, online relationships, girls vulnerable exploitation, cyber bullying
- Anti-social behaviour (graffiti, criminal damage, fighting)

Evidence:

In local area: 69% number of crimes reports for anti-social behaviour

In Dreamscheme: 46% of young people in Dreamscheme report drug use in past year

The rate for drug related deaths in Lisburn and Castlereagh is 9.6 per 100,000 population (Northern Ireland is 8.4). The third highest in Northern Ireland.

19,7% living in lone-parent households with dependent children in Lisburn & Castlereagh council.

37% Dreamscheme participants living in lone-parent household in Breda area.

Need assessment completed by Youth Worker:

Within the wider Newtownbreda area: there have been issues with Vaping & Drugs misuse as well as underage abuse of alcohol.

Young people need to learn how to be better in relationships and have more self-worth of themselves. Better sex education is needed as young people are engaging more in this.

ASB at times throughout the year can still be a problem and needs to be addressed.

Social media remains to be a massive issue with young people and their safety – although there has been improvement it still a massive need for intervention.

We have been able to maintain a positive influence on the young people of Breda Estate over the past 6 years, but there is a constant risk of young people being drawn into drug abuse or paramilitary involvement.

Responding to the needs:

This project targets groups of young people (total 50) from Breda estate, Cairnshill and Four Winds who have been identified as at high risk, or actively involved in ASB or drug abuse by PSNI officers, school leaders and youth workers.

The project also seeks to provide daytime and evening diversionary activities and responsive street work provision during a period of heightened risk of anti-social gatherings especially at times of heightened risk over the summer. The programme will also provide opportunity for police officers to build relationships with a core group of young people, with highest risk of involvement in ASB and risk-taking behaviour.

3 Please describe the main aims and outcomes of the proposed project ie what the project will do and what difference will it achieve.

Aim: Reduce anti social behaviour

Action: This will be achieved by:

- Providing multiple safe spaces for young people to meet and enjoy pro-social activities (including Wednesday and Friday evenings)
- Responsive street work where necessary

Outcomes:

- Zero reports of anti-social behaviour reported to police in relation to young people participating in Dreamscheme activities over the summer period

Aim: Reduce risk-taking behaviour

Action: This will be achieved by:

- Providing summer-time diversionary activities during the day-time, including sports activities, day trips and fun challenges. Activities to include sports days, watersports and trips that the young people choose.

Outcomes:

- 100% of participants take part in healthy activities over summer period, with feedback reporting reduced use of drugs and alcohol

Aim: Increase local confidence in police

Action: The project will seek to increase confidence in policing by

- Providing opportunity for young people to interact with police officers during a Mourne hike with the neighbourhood Police officers.

Outcome: 50 young people will meet a police officer

Aim: Increase confidence to make safer choices

Action: The project will seek to increase understanding of young people about making safe and wise choices both online and with friends – during 2 informal, practical learning sessions in September

Outcome: 50 young people will feel more confident to make safer choices

4 Please list the main objectives of your proposed project and associated timescales

JUNE – reach 50 young people and recruit into summer programme

JULY – 50 young people participate in weekly safe spaces and day-time diversionary activities. Additional young people reached and diverted through responsive street work.

AUGUST – 50 young people participate in weekly safe spaces and day-time diversionary activities. 12 young people have opportunity to build relationship a police officer (Ashleen Curran) during hike up Mourne Mountains.

SEPTEMBER – 50 young people complete programme. Feedback gathered from participants and police.

5 What is the total cost of your project? Please provide an itemised list of these costings

| Item | Cost |
|---|-------------|
| Senior Youth Worker Mentoring - £15 / hr x 10 hours youth work per week x 14 weeks (June to Sept) | £2,100 |
| Support Youth Worker - £10.44 / hr x 10 hours youth work per week x 14 weeks (June to Sept) | 1601.6 |
| Trips and Activities | |
| Mourne trip (transport) | <u>£400</u> |
| Let's Go Hydro | £690 |
| 2 trip (chosen by young people) | £600 |
| Local Community Marketing and PR for summer activity | <u>£250</u> |
| Design and print of A5 flyers for leaflet drop | |
| Food and Materials | |
| sports materials, pizza, ice cream, fruit, snacks | <u>£620</u> |
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TOTAL COST £6011.60

6 Match funding

Please provide clear details of Match Funding in either cash or in kind contributions from other funding sources.

| Organisation/Body | Funding |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Benefact Trust | £1011.6 |
| Total Match Funding Secured | £1011.6 |

Is your group VAT registered No

7 How many people do you expect to benefit directly from the project and their age range

| Age Group | 0-18 Yrs | 19-30 Yrs | 31-60 Yrs | 65 Yrs + |
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| Total number | 50 | | | |

8 PARTNERS

Are there any other organisations involved in the project that are formal or informal partners?

Informal partners:

Newtownbreda Baptist Church
 Newtownbreda FC
 Made for More NI

9 ARRANGEMENTS FOR FINANCIAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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Responsible for delivery of Project: Jonny Luke (Operations Manager)

Responsible for management of grant expenditure: Lizzie Brown (Project manager)

Responsible for raising invoice: Diane Curry (Finance Officer)

We will use our team of Dreamscheme leaders to run this programme. Our Operations Manager will chair a monthly project meeting to monitor project activities, budget and outcomes. The Senior Youth Worker will plan the varied programme of activities for 3 months in advance taking into consideration the views of the young people themselves of what they would like to do or improve in their areas.

We will adopt a project management methodology to ensure that the project stays on track and that the budgets are reviewed and managed regularly. The finance officer will ensure that all claims are made in accordance with proper procedures and that reporting / evaluations are completed in the appropriate manner. The Dreamscheme NI Board will review projects monthly and take an active interest in progress and ensuring financial controls are in place.

Invoices will be raised by our financial officer and provided along with reporting completed by the project coordinator and Operations manager.

10 MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Please give clear accurate details of the processes you intend to apply to monitor and measure the effectiveness of your project.

Monitor (ie please indicate milestones that you intend to achieve throughout the project and the process you intend to use to record evidence)

Dreamscheme project co-ordinator will lead weekly team meetings to discuss project progress, review and plan activities, and highlight any issues to discuss with police.

Youth workers will keep a record of each detached youth work visit, including evening plan and evaluation. Attendance will be recorded for any planned activities or centre-based activities.

50 at-risk young people will participate in 14 weeks of diversionary activities between June 2024 and Sept 2024 reducing opportunities to participate in ASB and risk-taking behaviour.

Evaluation (ie how will you measure the effectiveness/benefits of your project and its beneficiaries)

Qualitative Evaluation

Video interviews and surveys with young people will highlight improvement in attitudes and behaviour

We will collate statements and quotes from young people, family members and community representatives to ascertain was the programme a success.

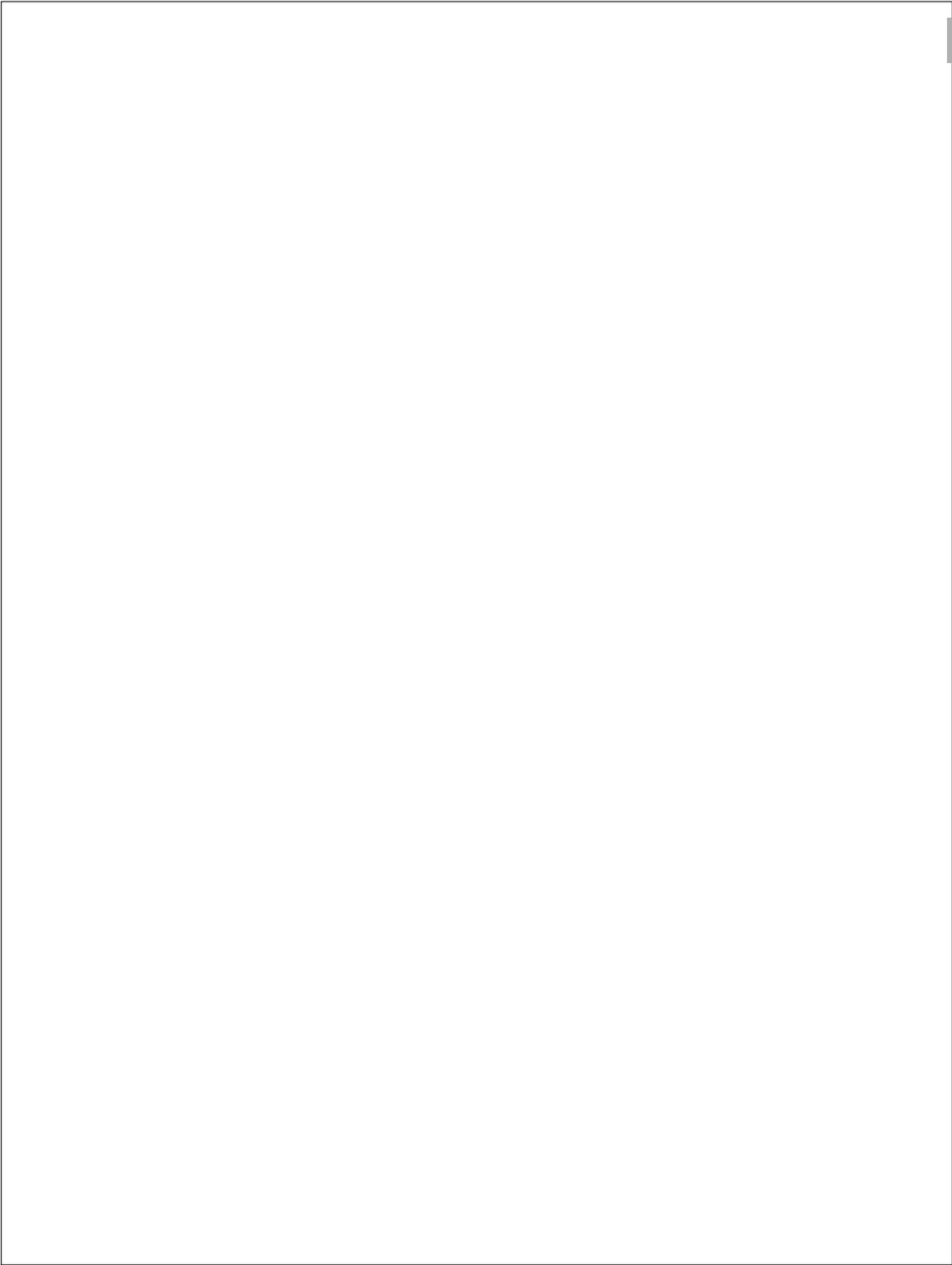
Quantitative Evaluation

PSNI statistics evidence a low to zero anti-social behaviour in the hot spots relating to young people from the community, and at times during the summer when this activity would be more of a problem.

Participation statistics:

noted by:

- attendance records
- reporting and collation of the number of interactions via street work



Please ensure the following documents are enclosed with your completed application:

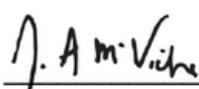
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| List of Committee/Board Members, Names and Addresses | ESSENTIAL |
| Constitution (Signed and Dated)/Memorandum and Articles of Association Or Equivalent Documents (not required for accredited Neighbourhood Watch Schemes or Community Police Liaison Committees) | ESSENTIAL |
| Annual Report (If Applicable) | DESIRABLE |
| Applicant's Bank Account Details/Supporting Financial Documentation | ESSENTIAL |
| Contact Details of Office Bearers | ESSENTIAL |
| Copy of Insurance Certificate (if appropriate) ESSENTIAL | |
| Confirmation of VAT position (and/or) Charity Registration Number | ESSENTIAL |
| Letter of Confirmation in writing of at least 20% Match Funding Secured | ESSENTIAL |
| Any other information relevant to your project i.e. Policies and Procedures eg if your group intends to work with children/young people you must have an adopted Child Protection Policy and members must be ACCESS NI cleared. We will require evidence of this before funding is granted. | ESSENTIAL |

NB: FAILURE TO SUPPLY ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTATION WILL RESULT IN THE APPLICATION RENDERED NULL AND VOID

DECLARATION

I declare that we are submitting this application on behalf of the above group which will deliver the project as described. We will submit the evaluation and final claim form by end March 2016.

This application form must be signed by the Chairperson and the Treasurer of the management board of the organisation making the submission.

1st Signature:  2nd Signature: 

Print Name: Lex McVicker Print Name: Stephen Mullan

Position: Trustee Date: 7 May 2024 Position: Head of Development Date: 7 May 2024

Please return completed application form to:

Mrs Cathy Adamson (PCSP Manager) or
Mr James Bingham (PCSP Officer)
Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP
Island Civic Centre
1 The Island
Lisburn
BT27 4RL

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (if required)



PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

Organisation Name: Onus (NI) Ltd

Project Name: Safe Place/Safe Community

Project Address: 51 Church Street, Ballymena

Post Code: BT43 6DF Email: admin@onustraining.co.uk

Project Co-ordinator: Kelly Crawford

Telephone No:(work) 028 2568 9450 Mobile No: _____

Postcode _____ Email: admin@onustraining.co.uk

Council Ward: LCCC
(You must define the Council Ward where the beneficiaries of your project comes from.)

Geographical Area covered by the Project: LCCC

Project Start Date: June 24 Project End Date: Mar 25

Total Project Cost (inc Match Funding): _____

Total Amount Requested from PCSP: £4,000

1 Please describe the main activities of your group

Onus (NI) Ltd provide specialist training and consultancy on domestic violence and abuse. Through the Safe Place Initiative, businesses, organisations, churches, schools, and community groups can become accredited Safe Places where anyone affected by domestic violence or abuse can confidentially access information on the support services available to them. Individuals are able to take further progression training where applicable. The Community Safe Place Community Advocate award enables individuals to work towards a Safe Community award for their area by encouraging other organisations to join the Safe Place Initiative and progression pathways such as Safe Employer, Safe School and Safe Church promoting the 'zero tolerance to domestic abuse' message.

2 Outline the community safety issues in the geographical area which will be covered by the project. You should attach press cuttings, statistics, community surveys etc if these are available.

There were 1,887 domestic abuse incidents and 1,073 domestic abuse crimes recorded by the PSNI for the Lisburn & Castlereagh City area between January 2023 and December 2023.

[Domestic Abuse Incidents and Crime Recorded in Northern Ireland Monthly Update to 31st December 2023 \(psni.police.uk\)](https://www.psnipolice.uk/press-releases/2024/01/2024-01-01-domestic-abuse-incident-and-crime-recorded-in-northern-ireland-monthly-update-to-31st-december-2023)

However, domestic violence and abuse is a largely hidden crime so the reported figures only give an indication of a much larger problem. Research indicates that many groups within society will have additional barriers to accessing support, these groups include male victims, people from ethnic minorities, people who live in rural areas, people who identify as LGBTQI+, young people and elderly people. Having a diverse range of Safe Places helps to raise awareness on domestic abuse and improve access to support for those affected via our range of Safe Place signposting resources.

3 Please describe the main aims and outcomes of the proposed project ie what the project will do and what difference will it achieve.

The project will be open to any business, organisation, church, school or community group, as well as any individual who would like to make a difference to their community by encouraging uptake of the Safe Place Initiative and challenge myths around domestic violence and abuse. The project will be open to anyone within the Lisburn & Castlereagh council area. The project will aim to increase the coverage of the Safe Place initiative by providing training and resources to any organisation wishing to become a Safe Place where anyone affected by domestic violence or abuse can confidentially access information on the support services available to them. The project will also work with individuals in the community who are interested in becoming Safe Place Community Advocates, interested individuals will receive additional training to enable them to effectively promote the Safe Place Initiative in their community and work towards a Safe Community award for their area. The project will also offer progression training where applicable, Safe Employer, Safe School and Safe Church to enable everyone to play their part.

This project will contribute to LCCC maintaining and retaining their Platinum WPC Status and Safe City Charter Status at the Onus Annual Award Ceremony of The Workplace Charter on Domestic Abuse in November 2024.

6 Match funding

Please provide clear details of Match Funding in either cash or in kind contributions from other funding sources. NA

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Is your group VAT registered **Yes/No**

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The Onus approach is a true partnership approach and we work with a wide range of partners. LCCC as a Platinum Workplace Charter organisation are leading by example and will assist us to encourage and increase participation throughout the wider community and of course PCSP. PSNI as our main Safe Place Partner for the LCCC area will assist us to market the sessions and encourage participation. We will however liaise with a wide range of other Safe Place Partners and partner organisations including Church Leaders, Business and Community Leaders, the key organisations providing support services and our range of already accredited Community Safe Place Advocates.

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Colette Stewart, Onus Chief Executive will oversee the project and associated funding.

An invoice will be raised when project has been delivered.

Danske Bank Sort Code 950231 Account No 20122963 VAT REG 163953682

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Onus MIS will record all supporting records for this project. This will include numbers registered, numbers in attendance and numbers of new Safe Places and those receiving refresher training. We will also capture organisations expressing interest in progression through the various pathways for participation and achievement of same.

Evaluation (ie how will you measure the effectiveness/benefits of your project and its beneficiaries)

Onus have 360 degree evaluation in place. The success of the project will be measured by the feedback from delegates, the numbers of attendees, new safe place registrations and those interested in progression training and gaining progression charter status

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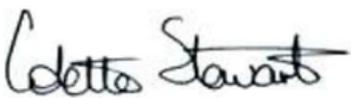
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1st Signature:  _____

2nd Signature:  _____

Print Name: COLETTE STEWART _____ Print Name: _KELLY CRAWFORD_____

Position: Onus Chief Executive Date: 26.04.23 Position: Onus Administrator Date:26.04.23

Please return completed application form to:

Mrs Cathy Adamson Acting PCSP/Members Services Manager or

Mr James Bingham (PCSP Officer)
Mr Stephen Addley (PCSP Officer)
Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP
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