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SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

Purpose: Commissioner Decision – Ref.DL|329

Timing: Singular

Title: Bystander Plus – Safer Streets 5: 24/25 match funding

Category of Decision / Business Area Impact:

Executive Summary:

West Wales Domestic Abuse Service (WWDAS) leads a consortium of Dyfed-Powys domestic abuse services that are delivering a Home Office (HO) Safer Streets 5 (SS5) project called Bystander Plus. They successfully delivered a similar project during previous rounds of Safer Streets funding, providing effective outcomes across the communities of Dyfed Powys. The current phase of the of the project will run from October 2023 to March 2025.

Bystander Plus requires an uplift of staff to deliver preventative and educational interventions to tackle Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG). Recruitment was initiated following HO grant award notice in September 2023.

In December 2023, the HO announced substantial funding cuts to SS5 activity for the period 2024/25. Whilst the consortium has identified all possible cost savings, a £30,000 funding shortfall remains, which puts the entire project at significant risk. The work undertaken by the project is fundamental not only to the purpose of the Safer Streets funding but in alignment with the priorities of the Police and Crime Plan and the Chief Constable's core priorities.

A request has been made to provide match funding to support this project. The project activity aligns with Priorities 1 and 2 of the Police & Crime Plan.

Recommendation:

It recommended that the Commissioner provides match funding of £30,000 from the Commissioner's Reserve budget to ensure the continuation of Bystander Plus during 2024/25.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Nolan Principles for Conduct in Public Life.

The above request has my approval.

Signature:



Date: 04/02/24