

ORIGINATOR: Fay Crangle

DECISION NO. 19/2020

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: For decision

SUBMITTED TO: Police and Crime Commissioner

SUBJECT: Norfolk PCC Youth Commission- COVID-19 Project

SUMMARY:

The Norfolk PCC Youth Commission was established in 2017, delivered by Lola Stafford Consulting Ltd. The original project specification required Lola Stafford Consulting Ltd to recruit and maintain a membership of approximately 40 members of young people between the ages of 13-25 years from across Norfolk.

Alongside recruitment of the youth commissioners, Lola Stafford Consulting Ltd worked with other children & young people partner agencies, in an attempt to reach out to all young people a cross Norfolk, to provide an opportunity to express their views on policing and crime in Norfolk.

The Youth Commission has continued to provide a structured system for children and young people to support and engage other young people about relevant policing and crime issues in Norfolk.

The Norfolk PCC Youth Commission has served as a communication and engagement tool, to maintain a working relationship with young people in Norfolk in relation to policing and crime.

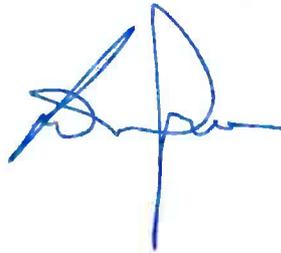
Due to the unexpected national pandemic of COVID-19, and the consequence national lockdown, the planned activities of the Youth Commission have been reviewed and a new short-term delivery model has been developed to maintain those lines of communication between the children and young people of Norfolk and the PCC, Police and other important support agencies.

RECOMMENDATION:

To fund a six-month bespoke project that ensures children and young people of Norfolk are provided an opportunity to voice opinions and concerns around policing, crime and vulnerability.

OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

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Signature

Date : 28 April 2020

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. OBJECTIVE:

1.1 The Key objectives of the Youth Commission COVID-19 project are:

- Engage with young people across the county to obtain feedback on how the current situation regarding the COVID-19 lockdown, may be affecting young people in Norfolk.
- Engage the Youth Commissioners to create and conduct a consultation on what are the current concerns are for CYP during the COVID-19 lockdown.
- The consultation will be focusing on the relationship between the COVID-19 lockdown and the impact on policing, crime and vulnerability, from the perspective of young people in Norfolk.
- Work with other CYP stakeholders in Norfolk to ensure that there is a collaborative approach and the objectives of the grant are not been duplicated by other agencies.
- Work with the Norfolk Constabulary Safer Schools Partnership (SSP) and OPCCN team to align objectives and provide joint messaging.

2. BACKGROUND:

- 2.1** Lola Stafford Consulting Ltd has delivered the Norfolk PCC Youth Commission since October 2017. The original project specification required Lola Stafford Consulting Ltd to recruit and maintain a membership of approximately 40 members of young people between the ages of 13-25 years from across Norfolk. Alongside recruitment of the youth commissioners, Lola Stafford Consulting Ltd worked with other children & young people partner agencies, in order to consult young people on their views around policing and crime in Norfolk.
- 2.2** Lola Stafford Consulting Ltd successfully delivered a youth commission consisting of 40 members from across the county was varying demographics. The project reached out to over 1600 young people in six months and engaged with 38 partner agencies from across Norfolk. From this consultation, the youth commissioners then created six key priority areas that they felt were important to young people of Norfolk, in relation to policing and crime.
- 2.3** The second phase of the project, began in March 2018, focusing on sustaining the success of the Norfolk PCC Youth Commission, by delivering a structured system for young adults aged between 13- 25 years. The Youth Commission, delivered by Lola Stafford Consulting Ltd, provided those children and young people with the tools to support and engage other young people about relevant policing and crime issues in Norfolk.

- 2.4** The Norfolk PCC Youth Commission has served as, and will continue to be a communication and engagement tool, to maintain a working relationship with young people in Norfolk in relation to policing and crime.
- 2.5** Due to the unexpected national pandemic of COVID-19, and the consequential national lock down, the planned activities of the Youth Commission has been reviewed and changed to enable effective engagement and communication with children and young people in Norfolk.
- 2.6** The Youth Commissioners will deliver a consultation with the young people of Norfolk over a six-month period. The consultation will be focusing on the relationship between the COVID-19 lockdown and the impact on policing, crime and vulnerability, from the perspective of young people in Norfolk.

3. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 3.1** As the operator of the Youth Commission COVID-19 project, Lola Stafford Consulting Ltd will be required to:
- Promote and launch the Youth Commission Facebook page, working with OPCCN media and communications team to ensure the promotion campaign reaches far and wide.
 - Use current social media platforms, specifically the newly developed Youth Commission Facebook page, to engage with young people across Norfolk.
 - Engage the Youth Commissioners to create and conduct a consultation on what are the current concerns are for CYP during the COVID-19 lockdown.
 - The consultation will be focusing on the relationship between the COVID-19 lockdown and the impact on policing, crime and vulnerability, from the perspective of young people in Norfolk.
 - Work with other CYP stakeholders in Norfolk to ensure that there is a collaborative approach and the objectives of the grant are not been duplicated by other agencies.
 - Work with the Norfolk Constabulary Safer Schools Partnership (SSP) and OPCCN team to align objectives and provide joint messaging.
 - Provide a project review and evaluation of outcomes.

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

4.1 Not to fund the project. This option has been rejected due to the current unprecedented time of a national lockdown during the COVID-19 pandemic. Access to traditional youth services is now restricted, leaving the potential for young people to feel isolated and unable to have a say on decisions that affect them.

5. STRATEGIC AIMS/OBJECTIVE SUPPORTED:

5.1 This project with support priority 1 of the Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan 2016-2020

- Priority 1- Increase visible policing
 - SO 3: Bring the community, including importantly young people, and the police together to develop more positive relationships.

6. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 The total cost of the project is £10,850, this will be provided over a six-month period, broken down into quarters in the financial year of 2020/2021

Financial Years	Year 1 2020/21
6.1	£2712
Qtr 2	£2712
Qtr 3	£2712
Qtr 4	£2714

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

7.1 None.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	NO
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	YES
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	YES
Have human resource implications been considered?	YES
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	YES
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	YES
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	YES
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	YES

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER (this approval is required only for submissions to the PCC).

Chief Executive

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report, that the recommendations have been reviewed and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.



Signature:

Date: 28 April 2020

Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer)

I certify that:

- a) there are no financial consequences as a result of this decision,
OR
- b) the costs identified in this report can be met from existing revenue or capital budgets,
OR
- c) the costs identified in this report can be financed from reserves
AND
- d) the decision can be taken on the basis of my assurance that Financial Regulations have been complied with.

Signature:



Date: 28 April 2020

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