

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – 5th MAY 2021 SPECIAL COUNCIL

OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (OPCC) – EVENING

AND NIGHT TIME ECONOMY (ENTE) HOTSPOT FUNDING – a). To report the receipt of initial bid guidance by the Town Council on 28th April 2021. b). To receive the views of the Police and Cornwall Council (Licensing) on the possible uses to which the funding could be put. c). To consider whether to approve the submission of bid. d). To consider the approval of match funding to a possible limit of £10,000.

Background – on 28th April 2021, the Town Clerk received from the Safer Liskeard Initiative provisional guidance on the making of an application for funding (ENTE Hotspot - as attached). Further information was requested and received to help to set the context (Covid Unlock Summer 2021 - as attached). This was discussed at the Safer Liskeard meeting the next morning 29th April 2021.

The Police and Licensing believe that there are benefits to submitting a bid as initially set out by Lucy Allison of the Safer Liskeard initiative on the attached page. They will attend a meeting (Zoom) to explain the need and the proposals. Lucy Allison has kindly offered to draft the application which should be received for circulation to councillors on Tuesday 4th May 2021.

However, from an operational perspective some of the key issues are:

- Submission Date – 10th May 2021 – how to meet the submission date. - Following discussion at the Safer Liskeard meeting, the OPCC is being contacted and the situation explained and a request made that the deadline for submission of a bid can be put back a week to after the 18th May 2021 Town Council of the new Council.
- Town Council Consideration – whether a meeting to consider submitting a bid and approving a match funding contribution could be held given the 6th May 2021 election. A Special Council meeting has been scheduled for the 5th May 2021 should it not prove possible to defer the grant application deadline by a week.
- Match Funding Contribution – in some other Towns where these schemes have been funded contributions to match and draw down the OPPCC grant have been forthcoming for the local BIDS. Business Improvement Districts (a supplement on the business rates spent by a special purpose company set up to achieve that). The business ratepayers of Liskeard are not part of a BIDS.

RECOMMENDATIONS: a). That the Council consider whether to approve the submission of bid. b). To consider the approval of match funding to a possible limit of £10,000.

Lucy Allison – Safer Liskeard context of proposal:

“I discussed this with the Police Inspector and ASB caseworker yesterday and we all really feel ENTE marshals would benefit Liskeard this Summer for the following reasons;

- We have not experienced the ENTE scene in Liskeard for some time now, with the opening of ‘The Social’ this will change the ENTE dynamics in Liskeard
- Police resources will be stretched this Summer with a high number of officers being redeployed to G7; some Liskeard officers have already been moved onto G7 now.
- Marshals will complement the CCTV system as the marshals can ring the fire control room to highlight an incident when it is occurring to ensure cameras are facing the correct way to capture footage, the CCTV controllers can also get on the airwave radios to local police teams on the marshals behalf if need be. Additionally, this will work vice versa and the CCTV operators can notify the marshals of any incidents they witness on the cameras and direct them to the location.
- The marshals patrol route could include Castle Park, Rapsons MUGA etc etc – key hotspots that we know the Town Council have raised before and where a uniformed presence could make a difference and prevent large groups gathering, ASB, littering etc.
- We can also get the marshals to pick up broken glass and alcohol litter to reduce the risk of someone hurting themselves
- The marshals can be there to provide information and advice to the public e.g. location of toilets etc and make safeguarding referrals if necessary
- The presence of the marshals will disperse some ASB/large groups gathering.
- The marshals will offer support to the local policing team and partners, providing resilience and a consistent, highly visible, uniformed presence in the busy ENTE locations across Liskeard.
- A single point of contact will be established within the police team to ensure that marshals are well connected. The marshals will have direct contact with the CCTV operators in Tolvaddon. Furthermore, the licenced premises and late-night food outlets will have a direct line of contact with the marshals, enabling quick responses to incidents.”