

DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY



REPORT REFERENCE NO.	CSCPC/14/1
MEETING	COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CORPORATE PLANNING COMMITTEE
DATE OF MEETING	7 FEBRUARY 2014
SUBJECT OF REPORT	SAFE SOUTH WEST WORK PROGRAMME
LEAD OFFICER	Director of Operations
RECOMMENDATIONS	<i>That the report be noted.</i>
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	This report updates the Committee on the work programme developed for Safe South West, the charitable arm previously approved by the Authority with the purpose of seeking to access otherwise unobtainable funds to promote community safety activities, and progress against that programme.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	As indicated within the Programme of Work.
EQUALITY RISKS & BENEFITS ANALYSIS (ERBA)	None identified at this stage
APPENDICES	A. Safe South West – Programme Of Work As at 30 January 2014
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS	None.

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 At its meeting on 5 October 2012, the Committee approved a recommendation to the full Fire Authority to establish a charitable arm and employ a fundraising post (Minute CSCPC/14 refers). This recommendation was subsequently approved by the full Authority at its meeting on 5 November 2012 (Minute DSFRA/32(d)(i) refers).
- 1.2 The brand name of 'SAFE South West' (Safety, Advice, Funding & Education) was chosen for the charity after engagement and feedback from the networks established by the DSFRS Officer for the Voluntary Sector.
- 1.3 A successful recruitment process was undertaken to employ a Charity Co-ordinator with a substantial background in the voluntary sector. This person is now in post and has been supporting the establishment of the charity (which was registered as a charity on 1 August 2013), developing projects and researching sources of funding. A number of funding bids have been made of which recent successes include securing funding from:
- the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner's Small Grants Fund;
 - the Gibbons Family Trust; and
 - a small donation from South West Water.
- 1.4 It is anticipated that the initial investment into the salary of the post will be offset by the amount of additional funding generated by the post.
- 1.5 Appended to this report at Appendix A is the Programme of Work developed for Safe South West together with an indication of the progress made to date.

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Director of Operations

PROJECT NAME / CONCEPT / DETAILS	STAGE	FUNDING, RESOURCES REQUIRED/ APPLIED FOR
1. Projects developed/funding bids made/funding sources being sought		
Adult Firesetter Intervention Pilot Project		
Aimed specifically at intervening in the behaviour of adults (over 18 years of age) who have deliberately set fires or are at risk of setting a fire.	Project developed staff need to be trained	Successful application for £4,450 to Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner small grants scheme, a similar bid has been submitted to Avon and Somerset PCC
Trigger Point Training		
For the voluntary sector, this will enable Workers / volunteers who visit vulnerable people in their homes to act as DSFRS eyes and ears, identify risks and make a referral for a Home Safety Visit	Project details finalised project ready to go subject to funding	Funding bid for to Awards for All by mid February 2014 decision likely in April / May 2014
Safety Education through Drama		
Initially for Special Schools	Project under development and will be ready to start April / May 2014 subject to funding	Application to Santander Foundation by end Feb 2014 decision March / April 2014
Pupils Excluded from Mainstream Education		
Fire safety / Phoenix course, pilot project with view to extending	Run pilot in March/ April 2014 and extend subject to funding	Successful bid for £1,000 to Gibbons Family Trust, additional bid for £3,160 to Ripple Foundation to fund 2 other pilots in Devon. Possible bid to Children In Need to pilot work in Somerset

Elfs Boxes		
To look at content, possibly reduce cost and rebrand	Feedback being sought from schools, finalise this and internal discussion by end February 2013. New boxes ready May/ June 2014	Approach to Early Learning Centre, possible bid to Mothercare Foundation and other funding bodies
Hoarding and De-cluttering		
Possible Multi Agency pilot project in Devon	Finalising pilot project details scope, funding required	Possibility of bids to Hilden Charitable Fund Help the Homeless, TAP Fund.
Educational Learning Portal		
Ambitious project to establish a safety education game on a web portal via SSW web site	Project designed and costed at £50,000 - £60,000 we currently have engaged students from Plymouth College of Arts who will Design a game as part of their course work	Bid £50,000 submitted to Nominet Trust not successful, currently seeking other sources including gaming industry carrying out work for free and making an application to the Games Lab Prototype Development Fund £10,000 available in March / April 2014.
Training for Community Volunteers / Flood Wardens		
Pilot project, potential to deliver training in partnership with DSFRS Station 60 and roll out throughout Devon and Somerset	Working with Environment Agency and Cornwall Community Flood Forum and others. First pilot delivered in Dulverton	Donation of £450 secured from South West Water to help fund pilots in Devon. Potential bid to the Lottery Reaching Communities in second half of 2014

Life Skills Centre		
Based upon established model, see link to www.safetycentrealliance.org.uk	Researched and developed to a point that it is difficult to progress further without premises	Within any building the costs of building the sets is likely to be in the region of £200,000 - £250,000. Variety of options looked at nothing secured.
Troubled Families Initiative		
Develop Phoenix programme to work with troubled families develop team work communication skills, self-esteem etc.	Develop with Children and Young People (CHYP).	Funding bid to Kelly Family Trust by 1 st March 2014
Keeping Safe Initiative		
Project to work with adults with Learning Difficulties to take forward Keeping Safe initiative with disability groups, help identify potential Safe Businesses / premises.	Finalise project and budget by end February	Bid to Bailey Thomas Fund
Partnership Work with Stand Against Speed 4 Bethany		
To develop partnership work and support project, through SSW and Learn 2 Live.	Initial meeting, options being explored	Offered help with web page on Learn 2 Live, assisted with funding bid

2. Projects with a firm concept, but need further development / funding sources being sought		
Safety in the home for vulnerable/hard to reach people and groups		
This would be a group approach to reaching hard to reach vulnerable people through talks to older people, BME groups, disabled groups, adults with learning difficulties.	Early stage, needs more development	Seeking possible funding
Fire999 Project		
Possible partnership with Plymouth People First	Further discussion and development needed	Seeking possible funding
Participatory Budgeting		
Possibility of linking to PB funded projects and/or with ideas that are not funded via PB	Further discussion needed	
Compliance in commercial premises / hard to reach communities		
Develop as some communities hard to reach and may not engaged with DSFRS	Initial discussion, around compliance training of members of the community, further discussion needed	

3. Projects at a very early stage		
The SAFE South West Community Safety Awards		
Other areas have community safety awards, but tend to be crime based, this would be about other aspects of community safety with variety of awards e.g. best project, young person	Initial idea from a Community Advisory Group meeting, needs to be developed, costed and funding / sponsor found	Develop during 2014 for launch so that awards can run for 2015
Games / training around decision making / involvement		
Game project around Bronze, Silver and Gold Command, choices to be made, impact on community, consequences, e.g. deliberate fires, possible for adults as well? Also around corporate planning – decision planning for adults possibility of involving children?	Initial idea, needs considerable development	
European Funding 2014 Onwards		
Funds being redesigned, Transnational possibilities, exchanges e.g. Cadets or for cross European learning e.g. demonstrating Educational work with School/ Firesetters	Explore possibilities	