

Partnership Investment Plan – use of projected under spend

1. At our meeting on 4th August we discussed the current situation with the Partnership Investment Plan and in particular the under spend which is projected as £8,005. Members were asked to submit details of proposals of how we should spend this money.
2. Three proposals have been submitted:
 - a) At the meeting partners discussed using **£1,000** to place a full page or two half pages advert in Stockton News to assist with our providing reassurance agenda.
 - b) We currently have Designated Public Places Orders to control the misuse of drinking alcohol in each town centre across the Borough. When this legislation was introduced prescribed wording for the signs was suggested and we followed this advice. In the interim period there have been a number of challenges and we have now been advised not to use the words Alcohol Free Zones on our signage. This will require us to replace all signs. We have obtained prices using plastic rather than metal. For the plastic signs the cost is **£3,047** and for recycled plastic it is **£3,187**.
 - c) A further proposal is to engage consultants to deliver Problem Solving training to partner agencies. A number of e mails have been sent to Probation, Police, DAAT, Fire and THL and a positive response has been received to this proposal. The training will cost £2,500 for a two day course. Accommodation and catering costs will add a further £500 Giving a total cost of **£3,000**
 - d) We are receiving numerous complaints about the shelter under Victoria Bridge which is being used by both alcohol and drug substance mis users who are lighting fires and leaving dangerous debris. We are proposing that access is temporarily blocked using a metal grid. We cannot permanently block this site as it is part of Sustrans and will become part of the new cycle track. It is proposed that the remainder of this money **£818** is used as a contribution to this work.
3. Members are asked to consider the proposals and endorse the use of the under spend.

Community Safety Manager
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