

### Partnership Investment Plan 2012/13

1. When the Partnership agreed its Investment Plan for 2011/12, at its meeting of 15 February 2011, we agreed to consider the issue of use of funding available in 2012/13 at a future meeting.
2. The Home Office indicated that its funding for Stockton for 2012/13 will be £102,669 (a reduction of 59.6% on the 2010/11 equivalent figure of £254,405). After allowing for 17.9% of the funding to be devoted to tackling Substance Misuse by Young People, as in previous years, that leaves the Partnership with available funds for next year of £84,291, compared to £166,615 in the current year.
3. As previously discussed, 2012/13 will be the last year of receipt of this funding, since from 2013/14 onwards it is anticipated that any equivalent funding will be allocated by the Home Office to the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Cleveland. Members of the Partnership will be aware that the election date for the PCC has been postponed from May 2012 to November 2012. The decisions made by this Partnership in respect of 2012/13 will therefore establish the platform for dialogue with the PCC i.e. the priorities which we agree for next year can be put to the PCC, when elected, with a business case for him or her to continue to fund them.
4. Appendix A attached sets out proposals for the use of next year's funding, in line with discussions at the Scanning & Challenge Group, i.e. that the Partnership should continue to fund the post of IOM Manager, in view of the demonstrable return on investment (i.e. reductions in offending by offenders managed by the team) and should continue its contributions to the costs of services delivered by Harbour, on the basis that some of Harbour's funding has already been cut by the Home Office (discontinuation of IDVA funding) and that further reductions in this area would result in further degradation of services at a time when domestic violence cases are not reducing in line with other violent crime.
5. That would leave a balance of £644, and it is proposed to direct this to a dedicated Fund for the costs of Domestic Homicide Reviews.
6. The major impact would be on the Police and the Council. In particular, item 2 at Appendix A (already reduced by 50% from the 2010/11 level) has funded test purchase operations for drugs (i.e. undercover police officers tracing drug dealing networks by posing as customers) and other specific targeted operations. Taken together with continuing reductions in Cleveland Police's mainstream budget provision for overtime, the scope for operational flexibility will be reduced very significantly. The national Winsor review of police terms and conditions may reduce the unit costs of overtime which may in turn impact on willingness of officers to work additional hours. In respect of the ASB Team, it is anticipated that capacity can be maintained at the current level, as a result of re-direction of resources within the Council to offset the loss of Home Office funding.
7. It is therefore **RECOMMENDED** that the Partnership approve the proposed allocation of funding for 2012/13 set out at Appendix B.