



## EQUALITY/COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

<b>1.What is the name of the savings proposal and its current status?</b>
CC 106 Review of Community Safety commissioning budget – contingency / community alcohol This is currently a proposal only.
<b>2. Which Service is responsible for this proposal?</b>
Customers and Communities (Community Safety)
<b>3. Does this proposal impact on other services or other service savings proposals and if so, have you discussed this proposal with the Service Directors from those other services?</b>
This proposal does not impact on any other council service, although it will impact on partner agencies. For instance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed reduction in the contingency budget will mean that there is less resource for partner agencies to access if required; and</li> <li>• The proposed reduction in funding will have a direct impact on a service commissioned by the council, in this case for the provision of a range of services to address all levels of alcohol problems.</li> </ul>
<b>4.Please state the name of the officer leading the EIA</b>
<b>5. Who has been involved in undertaking this assessment e.g. list the stakeholder groups which have been involved?</b>
The assessment will be led by , with the following to be involved in consultation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All statutory members of the Rochdale Safer Communities Partnership;</li> <li>• and also health partners (presumably via the Joint Commissioning Group); and</li> <li>• Service users.</li> </ul>

**6. What is the scope of this assessment?**

- -what is included in this assessment
- -does this proposal link to any other proposals (i.e. previous or current). If so, please state

The assessment will seek to establish the effect of the proposal (i.e. the reduction of the contingency budget held by Community Safety and the reduction in funding for ) on Crime and Disorder across the Borough. This assessment is work in progress and service activity data on the numbers of users of the service will be added as this becomes available.

**7 a). What does the function currently do?**

**b). Describe the needs which this service meets?**

- The contingency budget is used to cover a range of operational issues (such as the costs of handling the recent far-right demonstrations, repairing CCTV equipment which goes faulty during the year, specific research and intelligence projects, and other statutory duties such as Domestic Homicide Reviews).
- is a community provider of treatment for alcohol, offering a range of services to address all levels of problems for adult (over 18) users of alcohol. These include advice and information; workshops; social and leisure activities; counseling; support groups; and assistance with detoxification.

**8. What changes do you propose to make?**

- Reduce the contingency budget by £30k.
- Reduce the funding paid to by £16k.

**9. Who are the key stakeholders who may be affected by the changes proposed?**

- other statutory members of the Safer Communities Partnership (eg Greater Manchester Police and Greater Manchester Police Authority, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, NHSHMR, Probation Office and any other co-opted member RSCP may appoint from time to time)
- provider of the commissioned service  
health partners (to be consulted via the Joint Commissioning Group)

**10. What impact will this proposal have on all the protected groups**

**Race Equality**

- Reduction in the contingency budget may impact on race equality if the ability to handle right wing demonstrations were to be curtailed.
- Reduction in the funding should have no impact.

**Disabled People**

- i) Reduction in repairs to CCTV coverage may impact on levels of crime and disorder against all members of the community.
- ii) Some clients of            may be considered disabled due to an alcohol addiction or the results of alcohol misuse.

**Carers**

- i) Reduction in repairs to CCTV coverage may impact on levels of crime and disorder against all members of the community.
- ii) Reduction in the            funding should have no impact

**Gender**

- i) Reduction in repairs to CCTV coverage may impact on levels of crime and disorder against all members of the community.
- ii) Reduction in the            funding should have no impact

**Older and Younger People**

- i) Reduction in repairs to CCTV coverage may impact on levels of crime and disorder against all members of the community. Any information which is established on the users of the            service commissioned by the Council (broken down by the protected characteristics) will be included when available. In general terms, in June 2011 the Royal College of Psychiatrists reported the findings of an Older People's Substance Misuse Working Group which revealed that alcohol misuse is a growing problem among older people. Professor Ilana Crome, Professor of Addiction Psychiatry and Chair of the Older People's Substance Misuse Working Group of the Royal College of Psychiatrists stated: "The traditional view is that alcohol misuse is uncommon in older people, and that the misuse of drugs is very rare. However, this is simply not true.
  - A third of older people with alcohol use problems develop them in later life – often as a result of life changes such as retirement or bereavement, or feelings of boredom, loneliness and depression.
  - Older people often show complex patterns and combinations of substance misuse e.g. excessive alcohol consumption as well as inappropriate use of prescribed and over the counter medications.

On 11 September 2012 the problem of under-aged drinking was highlighted in the press. Data produced by the National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse (NTA) identified Lancashire as the worst area for this issue.
- ii) Any impact will be spread across the community rather than on one such section

**People who are Socio-Economically Disadvantaged**

- i) Reduction in repairs to CCTV coverage may impact on levels of crime and disorder against all members of the community.

ii) Many clients of                      may be considered to be socially-economically disadvantaged.
<b>Religion or Belief</b>
i) See Racial Equality above.
ii) Reduction in the                      funding should have no impact
<b>Sexual Orientation</b>
i) Reduction in repairs to CCTV coverage may impact on levels of crime and disorder against all members of the community.
ii) Reduction in the                      funding should have no impact
<b>Gender Reassignment</b>
i) Reduction in repairs to CCTV coverage may impact on levels of crime and disorder against all members of the community.
ii) Reduction in the                      funding should have no impact
<b>Pregnant Women or Those on Maternity Leave or Those who have given Birth in the Previous 26 weeks</b>
i) Reduction in repairs to CCTV coverage may impact on levels of crime and disorder against all members of the community.
ii) Reduction in the                      funding should have no impact
<b>Marriage or Civil Partnership</b>
i) Reduction in the contingency fund should have no impact
ii) Reduction in the                      funding should have no impact

<b>11. What are the main conclusions arising from this analysis?</b>							
The proposed reduction in contribution may impact on levels of crime and disorder / alcohol abuse in the Borough.							
<b>12. What measures do you propose to put in place to mitigate any adverse impacts?</b>							
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Possible Adverse Impact</th><th>Mitigation Measure</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Increase in Crime and Disorder</td><td>Consult with statutory partners and key stakeholders to agree the steps which should be taken to minimise</td></tr> <tr> <td>Increase in alcohol misuse</td><td>Consult with                      and health partners to determine extent to which this is foreseeable and agree what steps should</td></tr> </tbody> </table>		Possible Adverse Impact	Mitigation Measure	Increase in Crime and Disorder	Consult with statutory partners and key stakeholders to agree the steps which should be taken to minimise	Increase in alcohol misuse	Consult with                      and health partners to determine extent to which this is foreseeable and agree what steps should
Possible Adverse Impact	Mitigation Measure						
Increase in Crime and Disorder	Consult with statutory partners and key stakeholders to agree the steps which should be taken to minimise						
Increase in alcohol misuse	Consult with                      and health partners to determine extent to which this is foreseeable and agree what steps should						

	be taken to minimise

**What evidence do you have which demonstrates that these measures will be effective?**

This will emerge after consultation.

**12. Please attach a copy of your consultation action plan.**

**Please briefly outline below who has been consulted and which consultation methods were used.**

No consultation has taken place as yet. However, the following consultation methods will be used:

i) Contingency fund

- Views from statutory partners will be sought by letter informing them of the current proposal, and followed up with subsequent individual dialogue to better understand the implications of the proposal on partner agencies

ii)

- will be contacted in writing in order to inform them formally of the proposal. This will be followed by written / face to face dialogue to better understand the implications of the proposal.
- There will be a discussion of the proposal at the Joint Consultative Group, so that the views of wider healthy partners can be gathered.
- Any service user groups will be contacted.

**13. Please complete the mitigation action plan below.**

***Mitigation Action Plan***

Mitigation Measure	Action	Responsible Officer	End Date	Status
i) Contingency budget				
• Right wing demonstrations	Officers are working with GMP to keep these to a		Ongoing	

	minimum			
• CCTV impact - repairs	Officers are working with current service provider to minimise impact		Ongoing	
ii)				
• Work to minimise impact on services to combat alcohol dependency	Discussion with Joint Consultative Group on options available, as part of consultation process		Ongoing	

**14. Equality impact analysis sign off by the Director of Service, and an Executive Leadership Team (ELT) Representative**

Name	Position	Date
		13.9.12