



ROCHDALE
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH
COUNCIL

ITEM NO. CC106a

Subject: *Review of Partnership Business Group
(PBG) Operational Budget*

Cabinet Member: Councillor Sultan Ali

1. RECOMMENDATIONS / DECISION REQUESTED

1.1. It is recommended that the proposed budget proposal is agreed as a basis for consultation.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1. The proposal is put forward as part of the package of measures to be adopted by Customers and Communities if its savings target is to be reached.

3. ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

3.1. The current level of budget for the PBG could be retained if the saving of £15k were not made, but this money would need to be found from elsewhere if the Service's savings target is to be met.

4. BACKGROUND & SUMMARY

- 4.1. The Community Safety section is charged with meeting the council's statutory duty of working with partners to reduce Crime and Disorder in the Borough. As part of this duty, it works closely with a range of partners on operational matters. In order to make the best use of local intelligence and maximize scarce resources, the Partnership has established a Partnership Business Group (PBG). This group is attended by police officers and also officers from a wide range of council services, with a common aim of keeping all forms of crime and disorder across the borough to a minimum.
- 4.2. The PBG has an operational budget of £60,000, which it uses to support officers in a range of operational areas (eg communications / media, additional CCTV equipment, security). The budget has been underspent in previous years, and it is proposed to reduce it by £15,000 to £45,000 from 2013 onwards.

5. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN / REQUIRED

5.1. It will be necessary to consult with all the other statutory members of the Safer Communities Partnership (eg Greater Manchester Police and Greater Manchester Police Authority, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, NESHMR, Probation Office and any other co-opted member RSCP may appoint from time to time).

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Finance has confirmed that the budgets are in place to achieve the savings quoted on this report.

6.1. **Theme** - Place

6.2. **Proposal Title** – Reduction in PBG operational budget

6.3. Breakdown of Savings from the Service

Service Name: Customers and Communities

Area of Service: Community Safety

Cost Centre affected:

Is this a cost or additional saving: cost saving

	Savings 2013/14 £000		Savings 2014/15 £000		Savings Total £000	
	Ongoing	One Off	Ongoing	One Off	Ongoing	One Off
Employees						
Other Costs	15				15	
Income lost (Show as minus)						
Net Savings	15				15	
Additional Income Generated (show as a positive figure)						
Total Savings	15				15	
Implementation Costs						
Total Savings less Implementation Costs	15				15	

The proposed saving represents a 25% reduction in the Partnership Business Group budget.

6.4 Financial Impact on another service? No direct impact, although a reduction in this budget will indirectly affect the ability of other services / partners to access this funding.

6.5 Details of the Financial Impact on another service

There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

6.6 Voluntary Sector Financial Impact

None

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The Council has a statutory duty to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area. This includes working with partners and other agencies. The proposed budget reduction will not prevent the council from meeting its statutory duty.

8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

8.1. The proposal within this report does not have any staffing implications for the council.

9. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

10. ASSET IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

11. JOINT WORKING

11.1 The reduction in budget may impact on the operational capability of the Safer Communities Partnership in a limited way, although as the budget has been underspent in previous years it is hoped that this impact would be minimal.

12. EQUALITIES IMPACTS

12.1 Workforce Equality Impacts Assessment

This report has no staffing implications and therefore there are no workforce equality issues arising from this report.

12.2 Equality/Community Impact Assessments

There are no significant equality/community issues arising from this report.

13. VOLUNTARY SECTOR IMPACTS

13.1 There are no significant equality/community issues arising from this report.

Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
None	