

## Briefing Note 2: Sport and Crime Prevention Programme: Safer Together Through Sport (Additional Information)

### An introduction to the Briefing Note

This paper aims to build on briefing note 1, adding more detail to how the programme can be shaped locally covering the key stages and partners involved in the process. It outlines how the programme can be effectively managed in such a way as to ensure collective comfort in its staged approach.

### The four stage process

Four stages have been identified that will enable a partnership to be effectively communicated at the same time as mobilising local practitioners from the criminal justice and community sport sectors:

- Stage 1: Local partnership agreement
- Stage 2: Mobilise local practitioners and key partners
- Stage 3: Develop a planning and delivery partnership
- Stage 4: Test, evaluate and embed the learning

### Stage 1: Local partnership engagement – criminal justice

The first stage of the development of the programme is an initial meeting to engage key local partners from criminal justice agencies. This initial meeting can be used to discuss the thinking behind the programme and how its national ambitions will be designed to ensure they complement local priorities. Due to Home Office funding, PCCs are an essential first point of contact for this process. However, where possible there is clear value in having a strategic local conversation that includes the other critical partners, namely the Police and YOT staff.

A key part of the conversation in stage one is to explore who else would be identified as key players to the success of the programme. This can be broken down in to the two sectors, the criminal justice agencies and community sports practitioners.

### Stage 2: Mobilise local practitioners and key partners

An effective way to mobilise partners has been an *Engagement Day* event to bring both sectors together. Where possible a date should be planned and agreed soon after the initial partnership meeting. StreetGames as the leading national delivery partner for this programme will fully fund this day through the Home Office award and will be happy to facilitate the majority of the day itself. Attached is a sample agenda that outlines how the day could run and the focus of discussions. These centre on the key considerations of early Intervention and encourage delegates to think about what a referral framework needs to look like and what needs to be considered in its design. Also attached is a glossary of terms.

In committing to this, it is anticipated that where local reach exists, locally trusted organisations, (LTOs), StreetGames are aware of will be engaged in the event with a view to taking forward those groups demonstrating greatest interest in this agenda.

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### **Stage 3: Develop a planning and delivery partnership**

Building on the engagement day event, is the need to maintain momentum by bringing together a selection of those key partners to explore how best to operationalise the programme ambitions.

An effective way to do this is to create a *design and delivery* group that is tasked with translating the national plans, into locally appropriate components, ensuring they fit with existing infrastructure and priorities. The momentum from previous discussions can be maintained through this group and it can also act as a vehicle for establishing a consensus on matters such as: identifying critical partners to be involved going forward; agreeing key target areas, addressing any governance arrangements; and setting agreed milestones and dates for future actions.

StreetGames very much sees itself being part of all these discussions, supporting through a combination of local and national staff team members. With this supplemented capacity it is success critical that key criminal justice partners, (namely the PCC, Police and YOTs), play a key role in mustering actionable support locally. Ideally this will be from strategic through to operational levels, in order to facilitate the programme and unlock its potential impact on offending and re-offending rates in local communities.

### **Stage 4. Test, evaluate and embed the learning**

A key element of this programme is the commitment to ensure it will be effectively and robustly evaluated throughout its life.

Loughborough University have been appointed as the national Insight partner and will be supported by StreetGames to carry this out in line with the relevant terms of the grant funding over the next two years. A more detailed evaluation plan is being agreed in early 2018 and will be shared for comment once a final draft is complete.

The evaluation will include both qualitative and quantitative methods of assessment. This will be split into two main parts: an assessment of the effective creation and implementation of the framework that brings together the criminal justice and community sports sectors; and the measure of impact the programme has against its four key aims. See briefing paper 1.

The opportunity to create these qualitative assessments and local case studies will rely on the effective bond between local parties and the national evaluation team. This will be strengthened by an open and accountable approach from Loughborough who will rely on a combination of surveys, interviews and data sharing arrangements with key partners.

### **Summary**

The Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCCs), is the successful agent in receipt of the Police Transformation Funding, and represents the interests of the other supporting PCCs. StreetGames is the national sporting partner challenged with working with Derbyshire to achieve the programme aims, which cannot be achieved without local insight giving essential context and direction to the programme.