Community Watch Service Specification

GRANT AWARD - AMOUNT ALLOCATED: £5000 per annum

The amount allocated will be paid in advance in two stages during the year on a 60/40 basis.

The level of funding will be reviewed after two years, however if for whatever reason there is a need to review the amount allocated then this will be done during monitoring meetings.

Mandatory and discretionary business rates relief (subject to eligibility).

Contribution towards car parking costs of volunteers while they are working in the town centre.

Community Watch is a generic term that includes Neighbourhood Watch schemes; however it is wider in scope and also includes Dog Watch, Allotment Watch and Park Watch. All such schemes are about supporting local people to positively impact on local policing issues.

Core Service Objective

- To support the development of community led crime reduction schemes such as Neighbourhood Watch; Dog Watch; Allotment Watch; Park Watch.

Minimum Requirements

1. To contribute to ‘community watch’ type schemes, providing a dedicated officer whose responsibility includes to support, develop and maintain such schemes within the Kettering Borough focusing on the areas with the most need.

2. To assist new and existing groups in the recruitment of members.

3. To provide support and advice to existing schemes.

4. To liaise closely with the Police and ‘community watch’ groups to ensure the effective flow of information.

5. To ensure that the scheme is promoted through a variety of methods.

6. Acknowledge the funding and support from Kettering Borough Council when providing this service.

7. To attend meetings of the Community Safety Partnership as appropriate.
Key Outcomes
More people feeling more confident that they are part of the solution for reducing incidents of burglary, vehicle crime and violent crime and anti-social behaviour in their local area

Performance indicators
(Performance indicators are to be agreed with successful service provider)

a) Attendance and provision of performance figures at quarterly monitoring meetings with designated lead officer at Kettering Borough Council.

b) 350 schemes supported such as Neighbourhood Watch, Dog Watch, Allotment Watch and other similar schemes.

c) 2 full reports per year to show the outcomes of selected schemes.

d) Reflect and provide evidence of appropriate issues from the Office of the Northants Police and Crime Commissioner and Kettering Community Safety Partnership.

Added Value

I. Adopt the Borough Council's Customer Service Standards.

II. Demonstrate partnership working with other voluntary and statutory agencies that help achieve the objectives of this specification.

III. Provide evidence of implementation of Quality Management systems including the quality of data for management purposes.

IV. Explain how your organisation’s activities also support other local priorities (the Council’s Corporate Priorities, the Community Strategy, the Community Safety Partnership Plan, Health & Wellbeing Forum and emerging Police & Crime Commissioner priorities).