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**RELEASE OF FUNDING – SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITIES**

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**Responsible Cabinet Member – Councillor Bill Dixon -  
Neighbourhood Services & Community Safety Portfolio**

**Responsible Director – Chris Sivers Assistant Chief Executive**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To request the release of £84,118 capital resources from the Safer Stronger Communities Fund and £32,000 revenue contribution for capital from the revenue grant received for Youth Crime Action Plan Funding.

**Summary**

2. The Council has received grant of £84,118 from the Home Office for safer community initiatives and £32,000 from Youth Crime Action Plan Funding.
3. In Darlington community safety is managed through the local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP). Although Darlington Borough Council is the accountable body for the Safer Communities funding, the use of these funding streams is agreed through the local CDRP reporting structures in the first instance.
4. Proposals for the use of capital funding are detailed in the main body of this report

**Recommendation**

5. It is recommended that Members approve the release of £116,118 of capital expenditure for community safety initiatives as outlined in paragraphs 9 to 12.

**Reasons**

6. To contribute towards the delivery of safer local communities.

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## Background Papers

CDRP Executive Board 16 December 2008

CDRP Business Group 18 December 2008

CDRP Executive Board 2 July 2009

S17 Crime and Disorder	The initiatives included here will have a positive impact on the community and therefore crime and disorder.
Health and Well Being	The delivery of the initiatives included in this report should improve the health and well being of the residents of the borough.
Sustainability	No impact on sustainability within this report
Diversity	The outcome of this report has no negative effect on any one individual.
Wards Affected	All
Groups Affected	All
Budget and Policy Framework	It is not considered that this report has any impact on the budget or policy framework.
Key Decision	It is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The community schemes included in this report will contribute to the Greener Darlington and Safer Darlington themes.
Efficiency	The ongoing maintenance of the mobile unit is covered by existing budgets

## MAIN REPORT

### Background

7. In Darlington community safety is managed through the local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP). Although Darlington Borough Council is the accountable body for the Safer Communities funding, the use of these funding streams are agreed through the local CDRP reporting structures in the first instance.
8. The Council has received grant of £84,118 from the Home Office for safer community initiatives and £32,000 from Youth Crime Action Plan Funding.

### Use of Funding

9. The CDRP Executive Board and CDRP Business Group agreed to purchase a highly visible mobile unit to provide a base for the deployment of resources at the heart of communities experiencing anti-social problems. Funding for this unit was agreed to come from Safer Stronger Communities funding of £42,059 and £32,000 from Youth Crime Action Plan Funding (Children's Services) as a revenue contribution from the revenue grant received.
10. This mobile unit is based in Community Services with annual running expenses coming from existing budgets within the Safer Communities team and Community Services.
11. The CDRP Executive Board has also agreed to utilise £42,059 of Safer Communities capital funding to fund projects on key priorities such as removal of graffiti (£20,000), security equipment (£9,500), and other measures including domestic abuse support.
12. Members are asked to release the capital allocation of £116,118 towards the cost of the mobile unit and priorities detailed in paragraph 11.

### Outcome of Consultation

13. There has been no external consultation regarding this report.