

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC) FOR LINCOLNSHIRE  
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

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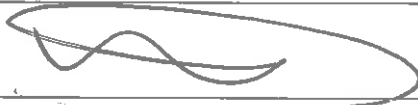
DATE: 6 October 2016

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>STOP HATE UK</b>
<b>REPORT BY</b>	<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b>
<b>CONTACT OFFICER</b>	<b>Malcolm Burch, Chief Executive</b> <b>Telephone 01522 947192</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT</b>	
To approve a two year grant award for 'Stop Hate UK' to assist in protecting the most vulnerable within our communities.	
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	That the proposed two year grant to Stop Hate UK of £7,100 per year (£14,200 to 2018) be approved.

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LINCOLNSHIRE**

I hereby approve the recommendation above, having considered the content of this report.

Signature:



Date:

6/10/16

**A. NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC**

**A1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

1. The current funding for the Stop Hate UK expires in October 2016. The funding for Stop Hate UK last year was paid for by the Police and Crime Commissioner ("the PCC") as part of his ongoing commitment to Lincolnshire Police's priority to protect the most vulnerable within our communities.
2. This year the district Councils, Lincoln City Council and County Council have been requested to make a contribution in the sum of £500 per year (£1000 to 2018). The PCC is invited to fund the remainder.
3. The under reporting of hate crime is a huge issue nationally. For example, out of an estimated 62000 incidents based on disability related hate nationally, only 2000 were recorded as crimes. These will undoubtedly include some of the most vulnerable members of society; those who require our protection most of all, yet only a tiny proportion report hate related incidents.

4. Dr Stevie-Jade Hardy (Leicester Centre for Hate studies) has provided evidence of her research in conjunction with the Equality and Human Rights Commission, which demonstrated an estimated 35000 crimes against members of the LGBT community go unreported each year.
5. Dr Hardy asserts that the issue of under reporting comes as a result of many factors. Misunderstanding of the term "Hate Crime" - Not understanding or recognising what constitutes a hate crime with many individuals associating it only with crimes involving violence, a perception that they would be "wasting police time" and the police would not be interested in their problems, "normalising" their situation and accepting abuse and crimes committed against them as part of their identity.
6. The Hate Crime delivery group remains committed to a plan to increase understanding, confidence and reporting of hate crime across Lincolnshire. Stop Hate UK are a vital element of this plan. The value of having an independent organisation as a single point of contact across Lincolnshire that can be accessed 24/7 and offers advice, support to victims whilst also engaging with Police and local authorities cannot be underestimated.
7. The reality is that individually or collectively Lincolnshire authorities do not have an infrastructure, staffing or finances available to be in a position to provide an "independent reporting option" for members of the Lincolnshire community. As McPherson points out, the importance of this being independent of the police is paramount. The current financial climate means that local authorities may not be in a position to establish, maintain, monitor and suitably refer incidents reported to them directly as "independent reporting centres". For this reason there is real value in our continued support for Stop Hate UK in Lincolnshire.
8. The benefits to maintaining funding for Stop Hate UK are:
  - a) There is a single, creditable, auditable point of contact for Lincolnshire communities to access as an alternative to Lincolnshire police. This allows for a consistency in service across the County and makes assessment of data for the relevant agencies much easier and more cost effective.
  - b) An existing infrastructure within an established agency such as Stop Hate reduces financial burden on the agencies within LCSP. Economies of scale mean that access to training, publications, campaigns, advice and education is much more cost effective. Many of these are described above.
  - c) Continuity of existing processes and access to publications will make publicity of Stop Hate more effective and assist in the Lincolnshire Police commitment to increasing public confidence and to victim care, particularly to the most vulnerable within those communities.
  - d) 24/7 Access to an independent agent who can give advice on matters that aren't crimes per se will reduce the burden on police time and resources, whilst maintaining public confidence.
  - e) Continuity and consistency in the fight against Hate in Lincolnshire in line with the Hate crime delivery plan.

## **A2. LINKS TO POLICE AND CRIME PLAN AND PCC'S STRATEGIES/PRIORITIES**

This funding will help to deliver the strategic aims and priorities set out within the Police and Crime Plan (reducing crime, police and services that are there when you need them).

## **B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Provision for Crime and Disorder Reduction Grants was made in the Revenue budget for 2016/17. This would be a two year grant to Stop Hate UK of £7,100 per year (£14,200 to 2018).

## **C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS**

*[This should include the legal powers the PCC has for making the decision]*

Section 9 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides Police and Crime Commissioners with the powers to award crime and disorder grants to any organisations and projects which, in the opinion of the PCC, will secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in the police area.

In addition, Section 143 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 provides Police and Crime Commissioners with powers to provide or commission services. Within the meaning of this section, a PCC may provide or arrange for the provision of:

- (a) services that in the opinion of the PCC will secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in the PCC's area
- (b) services that are intended by the PCC to help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by, offences and anti-social behaviour
- (c) services of a description specified in an order made by the Secretary of State.

A PCC arranging for the provision of services under this section may make grants in connection with the arrangements. A grant may be subject to any conditions (including conditions as to repayment) that the PCC thinks appropriate. For the purposes of the legislative provision "anti-social behaviour" means behaviour by a person that causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more other persons not of the same household as that person; "crime and disorder reduction" means reduction in levels of:

- (a) crime and disorder (including anti-social behaviour and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment),
- (b) the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances, and
- (c) re-offending.

**D. PERSONNEL AND EQUALITIES ISSUES**

In awarding this grant, the PCC places an expectation on the grant recipient that they meet all applicable legislative requirements in relation to these issues.

**E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS**

Review and evaluation arrangements will be put in place to assess whether intended outcomes have been achieved. The grant proposal covers activity for a period of 2 years.

**F. RISK MANAGEMENT**

Through the review and evaluation arrangements as necessary and as detailed in the body of this report.

**H. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

Information in this form along with any supporting material is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation. Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PCC's website within one working day of approval. However, if release by that date would compromise the implementation of the decision being approved, publication may be deferred. An explanation for any deferment must be provided below, together with a date for publication.

**Is the publication of this form to be deferred? No**

**If Yes, for what reason:**



**Until what date:**

Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made automatically available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate part 2 form.

**Is there a part 2 form? No**

**If Yes, for what reason:**

**ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION**

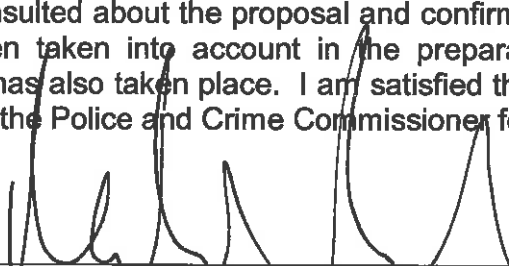
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Originating Officer: The Chief Executive recommends this proposal for the reasons outlined above.	
Financial advice: The PCC's Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	

Monitoring Officer: The PCC's Monitoring Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	6/10
Chief Constable: The Chief Constable has been consulted on this proposal.	NR

**OFFICER APPROVAL**

**Chief Executive**

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. Consultation outlined above has also taken place. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire.

**Signature:**  **Date:** 6/10/16

