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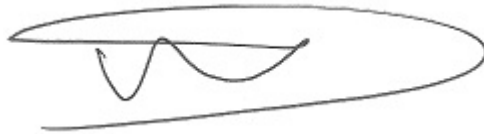
**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC) FOR LINCOLNSHIRE  
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

**REF: 010/2023  
DATE: 29 March 2023**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	
<b>SERIOUS VIOLENCE DUTY 2022 - 2025</b>	
<b>REPORT BY</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY AND OPERATIONS</b>
<b>CONTACT OFFICER</b>	<b>Joanne Davison, Director of Strategy and Operations Telephone 01522 947406</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT</b>	
<p>Lincolnshire OPCC secured up to £647,783.12 from the Home Office to cover the costs associated with delivering the Serious Violence Duty, which came into effect on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023. The grant funding covers the period 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.</p> <p>To propose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The creation of a separate budget of £639,321.89 to manage the income and expenditure</li><li>• That the objectives of the fund will be delivered through grant funding arrangements with partners.</li></ul>	
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To note the award of up to £647,783.12 from the Home Office to cover the costs associated with delivering the Serious Violence Duty</li><li>2. To approve the creation of a separate budget of £639,321.89 to manage the income and expenditure, as per the breakdown at point 1.7</li><li>3. To note that the spend against this budget will be agreed and approved by the Serious Violence Core Priority Group.</li><li>4. To approve that the objectives of the fund will be delivered through grant funding arrangements with partners</li><li>5. To approve the release of funding from the Serious Violence budget to deliver the 2022/23 activities as outlined at Appendix A and from the PCC Partnership Working Reserve to deliver the activities at Appendix B.</li></ol>

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LINCOLNSHIRE**

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



**Date: 29 March 2023**

**Signature:**

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

### **A1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Statutory guidance on the Serious Violence Duty was published on 16<sup>th</sup> December, with the Duty coming into effect from 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.
- 1.2 The Duty has been assessed as creating additional burden and therefore the Home Office have identified funding for each area to cover the costs associated with delivering the Duty.
- 1.3 The decision has been taken by the Home Office to channel funding for the Serious Violence Duty through PCCs. The below table shows the Lincolnshire Serious Violence Duty grant allocation. Note: amounts from 2023 onwards are indicative only at this point.

	<b>Labour Costs</b>	<b>Non-labour Costs</b>
2022/23	£30,174.66	
2023/24	£180,000	£79,474.96
2024/25	£134,822.98	£223,310.52
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£647,783.12</b>

- 1.4 Eligible expenditure is divided into labour (strategy development and people) and non-labour (implementation of interventions).
- 1.5 It is a requirement of the Home Office grant that the specified authorities under the Duty must collectively agree the use of funds. Spend will therefore be agreed through the Serious Violence Core Priority Group, as all specified authorities are represented at this forum and this is the agreed governance route with the Home Office. The use of funding will be aligned to the Needs Assessment, Strategy and Delivery Plan.
- 1.6 The priority spending areas for 2022/23 were agreed at the Serious Violence CPG on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The breakdown of spend for 2022/23 of £21,713.43 is detailed at Appendix A.
- 1.7 It should be noted that the terms of the grant are such that allocations must be spent within the financial years to which they apply and cannot be carried over. The budget to be created is therefore as follows:  
2022/23      £21,713.43  
2023/24      £259,474.96  
2024/25      £358,133.50  
Total          £639,321.89
- 1.8 2022/23 activity is being undertaken in partnership with Lincolnshire County Council and Habit5 and the objectives of the fund will be delivered through grant funding arrangements.
- 1.9 It should be noted that spend incurred prior to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to deliver against the Duty cannot be claimed against this fund. Spend incurred prior to this date is detailed at Appendix B.

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

This funding will cover the costs associated with delivering the Serious Violence Duty. This funding will also help to deliver the strategic aims and priorities set out in the key principles of the Community Safety, Policing and Criminal Justice Plan for Lincolnshire 2021-2025. These are: Community Safety and prevention in partnership; Listening, responding and being accountable; Protecting and supporting victims and the vulnerable; Policing that works.

## **B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The income source to establish the Serious Violence Duty budget is the Home Office grant agreement 088 Serious Violence Duty for the period 31 January 2023 to 31 March 2025.

The income source for the activities at Appendix B is the PCC Partnership Working Reserve.

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

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.

## **D. PERSONNEL AND EQUALITIES ISSUES**

There are no direct personnel, equal opportunities or diversity issues arising from this report.

## **E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS**

The Serious Violence Duty budget will be monitored and reported at monthly OPCC finance meetings and reported to the Home Office as per the terms of the grant agreement. Review and evaluation arrangements will be put in place to assess whether intended outcomes have been achieved.

## **F. RISK MANAGEMENT**

Through the review and evaluation arrangements as necessary.

**G. 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.

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

**If Yes, for what reason:**


**ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION**

	Initial to confirm
Originating Officer: The Director of Strategy and Operations recommends this proposal for the reasons outlined above.	JD
Financial advice: The PCC’s Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	JF
Monitoring Officer: The PCC’s Monitoring Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	MB

**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:** 20 March 2023

## Appendix A – 2022/23 Serious Violence Duty Spend – Home Office Grant

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Lincolnshire County Council	Serious violence co-ordination	£4,390.66
Lincolnshire County Council	Analytical capacity	£2,797.77
Habit5	Public engagement/consultation	£14,525
<b>Total</b>		<b>£21,713.43</b>

**Appendix B – 2022/23 Serious Violence Duty Spend – PCC Partnership Working Reserve**

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Applestone Consulting	Needs assessment development	£18,750
Applestone Consulting	Strategy development	£33,750
Lincolnshire County Council	Serious violence co-ordination	£8,640
<b>Total</b>		<b>£61,140</b>

In addition to the above spend, Decision Note 018/2022 previously approved funding of £27,000 for the Think Sharp Project from the PCC Partnership Working Reserve.