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

REF: 31/2023

DATE: 4 March 2024

SUBJECT		SERIOUS VIOLENCE
REPORT BY	DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY AND OPERATIONS	
CONTACT OFFICER	Joanne Davison, Director of Strategy and Operations Telephone 01522 947406	
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT To approve activities funded from the Serious Violence Duty Grant which will contribute to serious violence reduction and harm reduction.		
RECOMMENDATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That approval is given to the proposed changes to the Revenue Budget for 2023/24 and to the Earmarked Reserves in 2023/24 and 2024/25 as summarised in paragraph B.2. That approval is given to the proposed changes to the Safer Streets Round 5 income in 2024/25.	

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LINCOLNSHIRE

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

Signature:



Date: 4 March 2024

A. NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC

A1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 As detailed in Decision Note 010/2023 Lincolnshire OPCC secured up to £647,783.12 from the Home Office to cover the costs associated with delivering the Serious Violence Duty. That Decision Note approved the creation of a separate budget to manage the income and expenditure, and also approved that the spend against this budget would be agreed through the Serious Violence Core Priority Group.
- 1.2 At the Serious Violence CPG on 10th October 2023 a range of proposals were discussed and voted upon. The proposals at Appendix A were subsequently agreed.

These proposals align with the priorities identified within the needs assessment and strategy.

- 1.3 A decision was previously taken (Decision Note 28/2023) which included the creation of a budget of £534,974.60 to manage the income and expenditure relating to Safer Streets Round 5 (SSR5) funding for 2024/25. Notification was subsequently received on 15th December that the 2024/25 funding allocation for all PCCs had been reduced by £180k.
- 1.4 Following review of the SSR5 bid, it has been determined that the proposed Project Manager post included within the bid will not be recruited to. The remaining bid elements listed at Appendix B (totalling £134,654.40) align with the aims of the Serious Violence Duty and will be delivered from the Violence & Vulnerability Fund Reserve.

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

This funding will support delivery of 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 Safer Streets round 5 budget for 2024/25 which was created at £534,974.60 is to be reduced to £354,974.60 to reflect the notification of reduced income from the Home Office.

The income source for the activities at Appendix A and B is cost centre 2210705 (Serious Violence Duty Grant). Including this decision notice, **£445,030.45** of proposals have been approved/proposed for 2023/24, **£177,400.31** is to be funded from the 2023/24 Serious Violence Duty Grant and **£267,630.14** is to be funded from the Violence & Vulnerability Fund Reserve. It is proposed that an expenditure budget of £445,030.45 is created within Serious Violence Duty Expenditure, with an income budget of £177,400.31 created within Serious Violence Duty Grant Income, and that **£267,630.14** is budgeted against Application of Earmarked Reserves and released in 2023/24 from the Violence & Vulnerability Fund Reserve to fund the proposals to date.

Including this decision notice, **£916,611.94** of planned proposals have been approved/proposed for 2024/25, **£318,758.56** is to be funded from the 2024/25 Serious Violence Duty Grant and **£597,853.38** is to be funded from the Violence & Vulnerability Fund Reserve. It is proposed that **£597,853.38** is released from the Violence & Vulnerability Fund Reserve in 2024/25 to fund the planned proposals.

A breakdown of planned proposals to date are detailed below:-

Decision Notice	2023/24 Amount (£)	2024/25 Amount (£)
016/2023	10,386.01	
020/2023	4,785.00	
027/2023	60,502.92	127,445.00
This decision notice	369,356.52	789,166.94
Total	445,030.45	916,611.94

These proposals are to be funded as below:-

Funded by	2023/24 Amount (£)	2024/25 Amount (£)
Serious Violence Duty Grant	177,400.31	318,758.56
Violence & Vulnerability Reserve	267,630.14	597,853.38
Total	445,030.45	916,611.94

The proposals detailed in this decision note can be found at Appendices A and B as below:-

	2023/24 (£)	2024/25 (£)
Appendix A	369,356.52	654,512.54
Appendix B	-	134,654.40
Total	369,356.52	789,166.94

Appendix C gives the amended proposals from decision note 027/2023. The decision note had a total of £66,433 proposals and this has now been revised to £60,502.92.

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 is 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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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

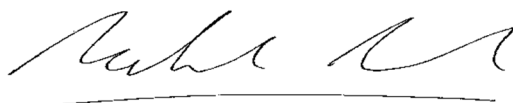
	Initial to confirm
Originating Officer: The Director of Strategy and Operations recommends this proposal for the reasons outlined above.	JD
Financial advice: The Head of Finance has been consulted on this proposal.	JF
Monitoring Officer: The PCC's Monitoring Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	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: 4 March 2024

Appendix A – Serious Violence Duty Spend

Recipient	Purpose	2023/24	2024/25	Total
Lincolnshire Police	The Happening - knife crime prevention education		£157,545.00	£157,545.00
Boston Borough Council	Operation Plotting - wardens	£24,500.00	£98,000.00	£122,500.00
Boston Borough Council	Operation Plotting – work with North Sea Camp	£13,651.00	£4,000.00	£17,651.00
Lincolnshire Police	Operation Plotting - engagement	£10,000.00		£10,000.00
Boston Borough Council	Operation Plotting - community ambassador	£7,500.00	£30,000.00	£37,500.00
Boston Borough Council	Operation Plotting - CCTV	£100,000.00		£100,000.00
Boston Borough Council	Operation Plotting - engagement boards	£28,230.00		£28,230.00
Lincolnshire Police	IOM Forensic Psychology Team Input	£4,999.50	£14,998.50	£19,998.00
Lincolnshire Police	Comms campaign: StreetSafe and You're Right, That's Wrong	£5,000.00	£2,760.00	£7,760.00
Lincolnshire Police	Today I Learnt	£36,302.00	£210,496.00	£246,798.00
Lincolnshire Police	VAWG education		£41,265.00	£41,265.00
Lincolnshire County Council	Strategy launch, Comms/campaigns/VCSE engagement	£20,000		£-
Lincolnshire County Council	Analytical capacity	£12,732.00	£55,422.00	£68,154.00
Lincolnshire Police	Analytical capacity	£4,605.12		£4,605.12
Lincolnshire Police	Promotion of serious violence survey	£65.00		£65.00
Lincolnshire County Council	Serious violence co-ordination	£47,417.22	£40,026.04	£47,417.22
Boston Borough Council	Itemisers	£54,354.68		£54,354.68
Total		£369,356.52	£654,512.54	£1,023,869.06

Appendix B

Recipient	Purpose	2024/25
South Kesteven District Council	SKDC night-time and weekend patrols	£34,556.00
City of Lincoln Council	City of Lincoln evening warden service	£40,200.00
City of Lincoln Council	City of Lincoln licensing officer working with NTE	£22,500.00
City of Lincoln Council	City of Lincoln - part cost of CCTV staffing. Suggest focus on NTE	£37,398.40
Total		£134,654.40

Appendix C

Recipient	Purpose	Original Amount	Revised Amount
St.John Ambulance	St.John Ambulance to provide a night-time	£4,785	£4,785
Lincolnshire Police	Delivery of The Happening - Knife Crime initiative	£30,000	£24,977.92
Crimestoppers	A bespoke campaign to increase the confidence in women reaching out to support services	£10,000	£10,000
Lincolnshire Police	Purchase of knife detection equipment	£5,448	£4,540
University of Lincoln	Independent evaluation of the Summertime policing plan	£5,000	£5,000
Rape Crisis	to review and rewrite the initial contact officer (ICO) investigation booklet	£11,200	£11,200
Total		£66,433	£60,502.92