

**OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER  
FOR HUMBERSIDE  
DECISION RECORD**

Decision Record Number: **07/2024**

Title: **Speed Indicator Devices Grant Scheme Pilot**

**Executive Summary**

This report sets out the proposal to create a pilot Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) Grant Scheme which offers grants of up to 50% to Town and Parish Councils and other community and voluntary sector organisations to enable them to purchase and install SIDs. This scheme aims to reduce instances of speeding and improve road safety across the Humber.

This proposal contributes to the Police and Crime Plan commitment to develop a Delivery Fund “to support innovation, community resilience and reduce local crime” and ensuring safer roads for everyone.

**Decision of the PCC**

Approved

**Background Report:** Open

**Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside**

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct.

Any such interests are recorded below.

The above decision has my approval.

**Signature**



**Date 15/02/2024**

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER  
FOR HUMBERSIDE**

**SUBMISSION FOR: DECISION**

**OPEN**

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**Date:** 13 February 2024

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**2. Recommendation(s)**

To deliver a Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) Grant Scheme Pilot, offering grants to Town and Parish Councils and other community and voluntary sector organisations to support the purchase and installation of SIDs, as outlined in Option 3.

**3. Background**

Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) offer traffic management solutions which reduce vehicle speeds and create safer and cleaner roads. These electric signs display a speed or message when triggered by vehicles travelling at excessive speeds.

SIDs are intended to supplement rather than replace the traditional signs and are aimed at addressing road safety issues in specific locations. Local Authorities have a limited number of SIDs which are deployed in locations across the area based on the top sites in their Local Speed Management Strategies. With this approach, there will always be locations where residents

or local Parish Councils find they sit outside the top 120 and therefore do not receive the service of a device.

#### **4. Options**

##### **Option 1: Do Nothing**

This option would not provide any additional improvements to road safety in the Humber. It would also not respond to the initial demand for additional SIDs that has been seen through the Community Safety Fund and approaches made to the OPCC by Town and Parish Councils that are interested in grant funding to install SIDs.

##### **Option 2: Larger Scale Grant Scheme**

This option would provide a larger scale grant scheme and would require a higher level of financial commitment from the OPCC. This option would be higher risk in terms of deliverability, compared to a smaller pilot activity that could be rolled out further should the demand be demonstrated. As a result, this option is not recommended.

##### **Option 3: Deliver a Speed Indicator Devices Pilot Grant Scheme (Preferred Option)**

The pilot grant scheme would make up to 50% funding available to Town and Parish Councils, Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations to cover the cost of the purchase and installation of the necessary street furniture and SIDs.

The design of the scheme has been informed by the requirements of the Local Authority Highways Teams in relation to ensuring the safe and appropriate installation of SIDs and associated street furniture and adherence to statutory requirements for working on a highway. Grant recipients will be required to have the necessary permissions and insurance in place prior to approval of the grant funding.

This option would result in additional improvements to road safety across the Humber whilst testing the potential demand for a larger grant scheme. It will enable a period of review which would then inform any future investments in this area.

**5. Financial Implications (Seek financial advice from Chief or Deputy Chief or Deputy Chief Finance Officer)**

The initial pilot would have a budget of £25,000 available up until end of March 2025. The costs of the Speed Indicator Devices Grant Scheme Pilot will be funded through the redistribution of existing un-committed resources from the partnership reserve.

**6. Legal Implications (Seek advice from Legal Services)**

The PCC has the power to issue grants under Section 143 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Legal advice was sought on the Community Safety Fund Grant Agreement which will be used for this scheme.

**7. Driver for Change/Contribution to Delivery of the Police and Crime Plan**

The Police and Crime Plan sets out the PCC's commitment to develop a Delivery Fund "to support innovation, community resilience and reduce local crime". The creation of the Speed Indicator Devices Grant Scheme Pilot, to be managed by the OPCC, will form part of the Delivery Fund.

It will support the delivery of the following outcome of the Police and Crime Plan:

- Place-based approaches that respond to community safety issues
- Safer roads for all users

It will also support the following Police and Crime Plan objective, by working with others to:

- Ensure safer roads for everyone through supporting Community Speed Watch and working in partnership with Safer Roads Humber

**8. Equalities Implications (Have due regard to the Public Section Equality Duty)**

No implications, the grant scheme will not have any adverse impact on people with protected characteristics.

## **9. Consultation**

The following have been consulted during the development of the approach and are supportive of the preferred option:

- Chief Executive
- Data Protection Officer (who has confirmed the approach to the DPIA)
- Other OPCC officers with past involvement in grant-making and involvement in speed reduction initiatives
- Local Authority Highways / Transport teams

## **10. Media information (Seek advice from Head of Communications)**

The opportunity available through the Speed Indicator Devices Grant Scheme Pilot will be promoted through the OPCC's various channels including promotion to the existing database of town and parish councils and voluntary and community sector organisations.

A list of all organisations and projects funded will be published on the OPCC website. There will be opportunities to promote the successful projects and publicise their impact.

## **11. Background documents (This will be published if open)**

None

## **12. Publication**

Open

## **13. DPIA considered (Data Protection Officer will complete full checklist – see attached)**

Given the similarities with the grant funded Community Safety Fund and Community Response Fund, the DPIA undertaken for that will be updated to include the Speed Indicator Devices Grant Scheme. This approach has been discussed and agreed with the Data Protection Officer.