

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

Decision Record Number **18/2024**

Title **Community Safety Fund Redistribution**

Executive Summary

This report seeks approval to redistribute £35,000 of the Community Safety Fund (CSF) budget from projects that are not going to spend their current allocation.

There have been two organisations that have approached the OPCC that require investment in projects which are time limited, link to existing investments made by the OPCC and are consistent with the objectives of the CSF.

By utilising the underspend from existing projects, this will ensure that the programme delivers maximum impact and that all of the budget is used to enable positive outcomes in line with the Police and Crime Plan.

Decision of the PCC

Approved

Background Report: Open

Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside

I confirm I have considered whether 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 21/03/2024

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMBERSIDE**

SUBMISSION FOR: DECISION

OPEN

Title: Community Safety Fund Expansion

Date: 19.03.2024

1. Executive Summary

The Community Safety Fund was launched in May 2022 offering grants towards the costs of community safety and crime reduction projects across the Humber area. To date there have been four bidding rounds which have resulted in the commitment of £1,500,000.

Several projects have not delivered in line with their original proposed grant allocations. There have been two organisations that have approached the OPCC that require investment in projects which are constrained by time, link to existing investments made by the OPCC and are consistent with the objectives of the CSF. It is proposed that the unutilised funding is redistributed to the additional projects to ensure the continued impact of the fund.

2. Recommendation(s)

To redistribute £35,000 of the Community Safety Fund (CSF) budget from the projected underspend to enable the funding of additional projects which meet the objectives of the Police and Crime Plan as outlined in Section 3 Background and preferred Option 2.

3. Background

The Community Safety Fund was launched in May 2022 offering grants towards the costs of community safety and crime reduction projects across the Humber area. It is designed to support community organisations to kick-start local projects that will cut crime and antisocial behaviour and improve feelings of safety.

The Fund provides grants of between £500 and £35,000 towards projects that meet the scheme criteria. A total of £1.5m was allocated to the Fund between 2022/23 and 2024/25. Funding has been distributed via bidding Rounds until the full allocation was committed to projects.

To date, the fund had been fully allocated but a number of projects have not progressed as anticipated which has resulted in an underspend within the budget. Two organisations have approached the OPCC that require investment in projects which are constrained by time, link to existing investments made by the OPCC in the past and are consistent with the objectives of the CSF. It is proposed that the underspend from within the project is distributed to the following projects:

- Beats Bus Records – funding to support the provision of a new Beats Bus following the existing bus no longer being viable, enabling the continuation and further development of youth diversionary activities
- Tommy Coyle Foundation – funding to support the relocation and delivery of youth diversionary activities for young people

All final decisions will be subject to a full appraisal of their project applications in line with the CSF application and appraisal processes and guidance.

4. Options

Option 1 - Do nothing

This option is not recommended. This approach would not enable the CSF to have a greater impact on Police and Crime Plan outcomes through the redistribution of unutilised resources.

Option 2 – Redistribute the unutilised budget of £35k (**Recommended Option**)

This is the preferred option as it enables additional projects outlined above (Section 3 Background) to utilise the underspend that has resulted from projects not performing to their original forecasts.

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

This proposal will be funded through the redistribution of now un-committed resources from the existing programme's allocation.

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.

Existing processes will be utilised to allocate any budget to projects and will be subject to existing Grant Agreements.

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

The Police and Crime Plan set out the PCC's commitment to develop a Delivery Fund "to support innovation, community resilience and reduce local crime". The Community Safety Fund is part of this Delivery Fund and this proposal seeks to redistribute un-utilised resources to enable the potential impact on the outcomes of the Police and Crime Plan to be maintained.

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

The scheme application form includes a question to capture any equalities implications for individual projects. These are considered as part of the appraisal and decision-making process.

The scheme requires applications to be submitted online through an applications portal that has been purchased from an external provider. This has been designed to meet current accessibility requirements, but the guidance advises any individuals unable to use the portal to contact the OPCC for assistance.

9. Consultation

Consultation has taken place with:

- Chief Executive
- Head of Policy and Partnerships

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

There will continue to be regular opportunities to announce successful projects and publicise their impact.

This will be achieved by working in conjunction with the OPCC's Communications Manager.

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)

Yes – a DPIA has been carried out for the Community Safety Fund and this proposal will not impact on the existing DPIA, it is simply redistributing un-utilised resources within the same framework.