

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

Decision Record Number **DR28/2023**

Title **Safer Streets project North East Lincolnshire — Additional Project.**

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Decision of the PCC:

That the request for an additional Safer Streets project is approved at a total cost of £275,000, for 18 months from October 2023 to March 2025.

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 27/09/2023

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SUBMISSION FOR: DECISION

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Date: 16.8.2023

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2. Recommendation(s)

It is proposed that funding for the additional project is approved at a total cost of £275,000, for 18 months from October 2023 to March 2025.

3. Background

The following provides further background for each of the additional project activities proposed:

- This project is based within the Town area in Grimsby, the area is experiencing high calls of service for all age related Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime. Young people are congregating in this area and causing significant concern both in terms of the public and commercial premises.
- ASB crimes per 100,000 population are displayed below, the area displays a disproportionate rate of reported ASB, 32% higher than other areas in Humberside, on average 8.4 incidents per month

12 month comparison	
Jul 22 - Jun 23	% Diff
115	+ 32.2%
Jul 21 - Jun 22	
87	

Average Month
8.4

- There are daily reports of street drinkers causing public order and aggressive begging, shop theft is extremely high, graffiti is also a problem within the town centre especially with disused commercial properties. This is all creating an unsafe environment within the town centre and issues around perception of public safety.
- There are currently 4 live joint problem-solving initiatives that have the aim of reducing youth crime. Consultation has displayed that there is nowhere for the young people to go, and the new youth zone for Grimsby is at least 18 months away from opening.
- The project has a collective of 5 interventions all dovetailing each other to create a community safety plan to minimise the threat of crime and disorder in the town centre. The interventions are as below.
 1. To develop a youth hub in the centre of Grimsby town centre to divert young people away from causing ASB and crime.
 2. To improve Business security by enhancing the Grimsby Retail in Partnership (GRIP) programme to include licenced premises.
 3. To enhance the street scene and improve the perception of the town centre as a safe place free of crime and disorder.
 4. To enhance the nighttime street scene in support of the Night Time Economy (NTE) and Violence Against Women Girls (VAWG) agendas
 5. To improve the visible aesthetics of the town centre area by removing graffiti and working with graffiti artists to provide as safe place for them to tag.
- The project is supported by a full Business case (Appended to this decision record) and has significant strategic support from Humberside Police, YOS, political support, retail and commercial partners, residents, young people, and the Community Safety Partnership.

4. Options

Option 1 - Do nothing

This option is not recommended. Evidence provided by partners and within the application has clearly presented, there are existing gaps in provision and the increase in crime disorder and violence against women and in particular young girls. There is not sufficient funding within the Safer Streets allocation, due to a recent national review and re allocation of the fund, neither is there available funding within the Community Safety Partnership to fund the additional project requirements. Doing nothing places Humberside at risk of not meeting demand and identified need, resulting in loss of opportunity for enhancing service provision across Humberside, impacting on delivery of the police and crime plan and perception of public safety.

Option 2 - Fund full amount from reserves and MoJ Victim grant for Humberside

This option is recommended because it allows the PCC and the respective partnership to capitalise on the funding opportunity of bringing increased service provision and interventions to the Humber area, meeting identified need and gaps in service provision.

5. Financial Implications

The total funding requirement is £270,000 and can be accommodated through releasing reserves of £250,000 into the OPCC special projects fund.

This proposal also seeks to utilise funding from the Humberside MoJ Victims fund which has a total grant of £25,000 available over the 18 month period of the project.

6. Legal Implications

None – a grant agreement for the project will be issued using the standard template which has been approved by Legal Services.

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

This investment will contribute directly to aims one and two of the Police and Crime Plan through:

- Engaged, Resilient and Inclusive Communities
- Safer Communities –to focus activities on interventions that significantly impact on local crime levels

8. Equalities Implications

The projects will have a positive impact on victims of Domestic Abuse, Sexual abuse, VAWG and victims of ASB.

9. Consultation

Key stakeholders' views have been sought and used to inform the proposed projects and has formed part of the application process for the Safer Streets projects. Further to this the Youth Offending Team have identified top 10 offenders who have perpetrated violence against women and girls, both victims and offenders will be consulted on the co design of roles and interventions.

10. Media information

Once the project has commenced there will be a media briefing produced for communication and engagement manager, and partnership briefing for key stakeholders.

11. Background documents

Business case attached.

12. Publication

Open

13. DPIA considered

Not required - This will not involve the OPCC using any personal data so the OPCC do not require a DPIA or a Data Processing Contract, however, we will need to do due diligence to ensure that they have appropriate policy structure in place.