

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

Decision Record Number **10/2024**

Title: **GRIP – Community Insights Fund**

Executive Summary:

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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 28/02/2024

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SUBMISSION FOR: DECISION

OPEN

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Date: 16 February 2024

1. Executive Summary

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2. Recommendation

To accept the funding award and enter into a grant agreement with the University of Hull to deliver the project.

3. Background

The Home Office's Grip programme provides additional funding for police forces to carry out enhanced hotspot policing in areas affected by serious violence, complementing the preventative public health approach led by Violence Reduction Units (VRUs) such as the Humber Violence Prevention Partnership (VPP).

Humberside has been allocated the funding since 2022/23 (with predecessor hotspot funding in 2021/22), as one of 20 areas across England and Wales.

Although the hotspot policing approach is well-evidenced, there is limited existing research, within the England and Wales policing context, on the community impact of this specific hotspot policing approach. The Home Office therefore ran a competitive process in the autumn to allocate funding to research proposals covering 2023/24 and 2024/25.

The OPCC, working with the Force team delivering Grip, partnered with the University of Hull (as the VPP's existing independent evaluation partner) to bid for a share of this funding totalling £375,712. The OPCC has now been informed that the bid was successful, so there is a need to implement the proposal.

4. Options

- 1) To accept the funding award and enter into a grant agreement with the University of Hull to deliver the project (**recommended**).
- 2) Not to accept the funding.

5. Financial Implications

The project will result in additional income of up to £176,585 in 2023/24 and £199,127 in 2024/25. Under the terms of the grant, this will be paid in arrears and may not be carried over between years. Although the main costs will be incurred by the University, OPCC/VPP staff time involved in the project will be able to be recharged.

6. Legal Implications

None – the Home Office will pay the funds under the existing Grip grant agreement, while the grant agreement with the University of Hull will use the standard OPCC grant terms previously approved by Legal Services.

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

The project contributes to the following Police and Crime Plan objectives:

- Prevent crime through an evidence-based approach to issues affecting our communities
- Secure more funding from Government and others by being ambitious and collaborating with local organisations

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

Equalities implications will be considered by the University in the detailed design of the research, which will go through the University's well-established approach to ethical approvals.

9. Consultation

The bid was developed in collaboration with the Force team delivering Grip.

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

Opportunity for external media release once research has taken place, to outline the impact of GRIP on communities.

11. Background documents

None

12. Publication

Open

13. DPIA considered

A DPIA will not be required.