



# THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

## DECISION RECORD FORM

**REQUEST:**

To approve spend from the PCC Community Safety Initiative Fund for the Society for the Promotion and Advancement of Romany Culture (SPARC)

**Title:**

SPARC Funding

**Executive Summary:**

The Society for the Promotion and Advancement of Romany Culture (SPARC) have bid for funding to undertake community engagement sessions with the police and gypsy and traveller community at Metz Bridge traveller site and Yarm Fair, and to conduct a series of educational workshops in primary schools focusing on gypsy and traveller awareness and anti hate crime messages. The aims of the initiative will be to:

- i) Build on and increase the engagement we have already achieved between the Police and PCC Office and the travelling communities through holding "Cuppa with a Copper" engagement sessions at the Metz Bridge gypsy and traveller site and at Yarm Fair.
- ii) Engage with the gypsy and traveller community in relation to crime and community safety issues and work with the PCC to develop awareness-raising packages and products regarding these
- iii) Promote and provide awareness-raising sessions within primary schools across Cleveland. Sessions will focus on hate crime education in relation to the gypsy and traveller community and on 'mythbusting' and education around the gypsy and traveller culture
- iv) Further promote services to the travelling communities, leading to further increases in service usage from those communities and a breaking down of barriers.

Further details can be found in the attached funding application.

**Decision:**

The PCC is asked to approve the award of a grant for £27,194 to the Society for the Promotion and Advancement of Romany Culture (SPARC) to undertake work identified in this decision and the attached application form.

**Implications:**

Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equality & Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Human Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(If yes please provide further details below)

**Decision Required – Supporting Information**

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC's CFO where the decision has financial implications)

The PCC now received funds from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) to support and/or provide service for Victims and Witnesses, this organisation was previously supported directly by this MoJ funding and there the PCC has the funds available within the 2015/16 budget to fund this initiative.

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

None.

Equality and Diversity Implications

None.

Human Rights Implications

None.

Sustainability Implications

This is a one-off payment for a specific project.

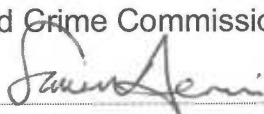
Risk Management Implications

None.

**OFFICER APPROVAL****Chief Executive**

I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been taken into account. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



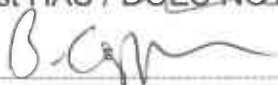
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**Police and Crime Commissioner:**

The above request HAS / DOES NOT HAVE my approval.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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