



# THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

## DECISION RECORD FORM

**REQUEST:**

To agree the use of mediation and anger management training as part of Community Remedy

**Title:**

Community Remedy – Unite Limited

**Executive Summary:**

Community Remedy was introduced in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. It is a tool to give victims a say in the out of court punishment of perpetrators for low level crime and anti-social behaviour.

Following feedback from a public consultation by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner in March 2014, a list of options were identified and agreed in order for victims to indicate their preference as to how the perpetrator should be dealt with. One of the options on the list includes targeted interventions. Targeted interventions can be used to assist the perpetrator address any issues they may have to overcome or to understand the impact of their crime and/or anti-social behaviour. Mediation and Anger Management has been identified as one of these interventions.

Mediation is a way of helping people in dispute to find a win/win solution to their conflict. It involves bringing people together to discuss and resolve the issues that are impacting on people's quality of life. An impartial third party, the practitioner will help the people involved to work out an agreement focussing on future behaviours and actions. Unite have experience in resolving cases involving a wide range of issues including: noise, parking issues, and anti-social behaviour and landlord/tenant disputes.

The aim of anger management training is to help the client develop an understanding of anger as an emotion, identify their own anger hooks and triggers and to gain an insight into how their anger impacts on themselves and others. Anger Management training is a one-to-one programme delivered over 6 sessions. The benefits of such training include;

- The client having the ability to manage their emotions more constructively
- Increased self-awareness and the awareness of the impact on others
- Reduction in anger related incidents
- Improvements in relationships with friends, family, neighbours etc.

The service provided by Unite will include the following:

- 25 community mediation sessions
- 10 family mediation sessions
- 10 anger management training sessions
- Active marketing campaign to promote services to potential referrers

**Decision:**

To agree the use of mediation and anger management training as part of Community Remedy at a cost of £20,000

**Contractor Details (if applicable):**

Unite Mediation

**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 costs of this proposal are affordable within the budget set for 2015/16.

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

None arise.

Equality and Diversity Implications

N/A

Human Rights Implications

N/A

Sustainability Implications

As funding to PCCs reduce going forward it may not be possible to fund all of the initiatives currently being supported and funded by the PCC, is it therefore important to understand the impact and benefits delivered by this proposal so that it can be assessed against other projects in future years.

Risk Management Implications

N/A

### OFFICER APPROVAL

~~Chief Executive~~ / Deputy 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: M. Porter

Date: 17/8/15

**Police and Crime Commissioner:**

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed: B. Coyne

Date: 12/8/15