



Decision Reference: 2022/23-0032

## THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

### DECISION RECORD FORM

**REQUEST:** For Police & Crime Commissioner approval

**TITLE:** CURV Serious Violence Fund – Night Time Economy Funding Uplift

**SUMMARY:**

In July 2022, Cleveland's OPCC was notified of its successful application for Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) Funding from the Home Office over 3 years. This resulted in the establishment of the 'Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence' (CURV), which was tasked with the role of bringing together all partners and stakeholders to develop and deliver an intelligence led strategy aimed at reducing serious violence throughout Cleveland through a Public Health agenda.

In August 2022 and following agreement with the CURV Governance Group, the OPCC launched a £500,000 funding opportunity for interventions to support the reduction of violent crime ([PCC launches £500,000 fund for interventions to reduce violent crime - Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner](#)). As part of this funding stream, Hartlepool Borough Council succeeded in securing £30,585 to support the implementation of a crime prevention plan that was focussed on the Night-Time Economy (NTE).

Subsequent to Hartlepool Borough Council's success, the Borough Councils of Redcar & Cleveland, Stockton and Middlesbrough were all invited to review their NTE crime prevention plans and submit applications for CURV funding as appropriate.

The remaining Local Authorities subsequently submitted applications. Each new application was assessed to ensure consistency with Hartlepool Borough Council's original application, and after a series of follow up questions, all were approved for a 4-month period from the 1st December 2022 – 31st March 2023. The total spend in support of Night Time Economy activity was as follows:

Hartlepool	£30,585 – <a href="#">DRF Reference 2022-0018 refers</a>
Redcar & Cleveland	£28,760.28 – <a href="#">DRF Reference 2022-0023 refers</a>
Stockton	£32,208.69 – <a href="#">DRF Reference 2022-0022 refers</a>
Middlesbrough	£57,109.00 – <a href="#">DRF Reference 2022-0024 refers</a>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£148,662.97</b>

CURV have ensured that delivery of these plans commenced in line with Home Office grant agreements and will continue to monitor future delivery.

To safeguard future delivery and quality of the agreed interventions CURV also requested that the Local Authorities identify further additional costings to support and provide supplementary interventions and equipment. These costing have been forwarded to CURV and after a process

of questioning and analysis these have been agreed ensuring they align to the required outcomes in the original application for funding.

The Night- Time Economy areas have been identified after local crime data analysis, linked to Serious Violence hotspots. In line with national initiatives, CURV has made available increased funding which is expected to work towards and evidence the reductions in serious violence within the specified NTE area's and as a result the successful bidders are required to also engage with CURV evaluation processes.

Uplifted grant applications amount to the following:

Hartlepool LA	£10,315.00
Middlesbrough	£13,658.00
Stockton	£8,147.00
Redcar & Cleveland	£10,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£42,120.00</b>

These supportive uplifts will further support the below:

- Purchase of additional knife wands
- Purchase of additional bleed kits
- Expansion of the project to additional Licenced Premises within the town centres
- Purchase additional supplies to enable the projects to continue over the summer periods Including bottle stoppers and anti-spike glass covers, anti-spike testing strips
- Support for safe havens /safe spaces
- Increased support for volunteers working within the NTE such as street pastors
- Additional support for 'ask Angela campaigns (a national initiative)

**Decision:** To approve the allocation of funding from the CURV budget 2022/23 to the four local authorities to the total value of up to £42,120.00

**OPCC Lead Officer:** Simon Smart, CURV Project Manager

**Contractor Details (if applicable):** Hartlepool Borough Council, Middlesbrough Borough Council, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council and Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council.

**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 Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

Sufficient funding is available within the CURV budget to support this additional work.

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

There are no legal implications arising.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

The funding will support all four LA 's reduce crime and improve safety for all citizens working in and enjoying the local NTE.

Human Rights Implications:

None arising.

Sustainability Implications:

Successful projects will be monitored and reviewed by the OPCC to inform future commissioning/ grant funding opportunities.

Risk Management Implications:

Any risk minimised and mitigated by performance framework requirements in grant agreements.

### OFFICER APPROVAL

**Monitoring Officer:**

Signed



Date 17.03.23

**Police and Crime Commissioner:**

Signed

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Date 21.03.2023