



Decision Reference: 2022/23-0037

THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For Police and Crime Commissioner approval

Title: Serious Violence Duty Equipment Funding 2022/2023

Summary:

In April 2022, the Government announced that 20 police force areas across the country would receive funding to support the Violence Reduction Units (VRU's), where it was confirmed that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland would receive a budget of £3.5m over the next three years to establish a local VRU. Locally, the VRU was named Cleveland's Unit for the Reduction of Violence (CURV). The work of CURV will be supported by a range of complementary partnership action, with £1.4m of investment in 'Grip' activity, which will support the police to take additional enforcement activity in specific hotspot locations most affected by serious violence.

In addition to CURV, the Government introduced the Serious Violence Duty through the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts (PCSC) Act 2022, which places a duty on specific organisations such as the police, the fire service, justice partners, health and local authorities to collaborate to prevent and tackle serious violence in their local area. The Duty intends to create the right conditions for authorities to collaborate and communicate regularly, using existing partnerships where possible, to share information and take effective coordinated action in local areas. Under the Duty, all statutory partners must work together to develop a strategic needs assessment of the unique causes of violence in their area and then publish a strategy on how they will tackle it.

CURV's core membership, which exceeds that of the specified authorities, recognises the benefits of using CURV's governance arrangements as the mechanism through which specified authorities will deliver their statutory obligations under the Serious Violence Duty. The funding allocated to Cleveland in the current year of Serious Violence Duty funding was:

Twenty-nine thousand, four hundred and nine pounds, ninety-three pence (£29,409.93)

It was agreed at the CURV Governance Group through the specified authorities in their capacity as core members, that this amount would be divided into:

- Analytical spend
- Equipment spend

It was further agreed that the equipment cost will be used to supplement the already agreed four local authority Night -Time Economy funding plans commissioned by CURV, which

equates to each LA receiving £3,041.82.

Decision:

That the PCC approves the allocation of the Serious Violence Duty non-labour cost grant of £12,167.27 for 2022/2023 to be divided equally between Cleveland's four Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) in order that each CSP can equally supplement the previously agreed Night -Time Economy funding plans already commissioned by CURV – DRF 2022/23 – 0032 refers.

OPCC Lead Officer: Simon Smart, CURV Project Manager

Contractor Details (if applicable):

Middlesbrough Borough Council, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council and Hartlepool 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)

The PCC has been awarded the funding that is being proposed to be spent within this decision and therefore is affordable to the PCC.

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:

Not applicable.

Human Rights Implications:

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

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 20.03.23

Police and Crime Commissioner:

Signed



Date 28.03.2023