



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST:

To approve spend from the PCC Community Safety Initiative Fund to enable Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council planning engineers to complete access restriction work on four identified access points to Eston Hills, thereby restricting access to the area by 4x4 and quad vehicles and reducing the associated antisocial behaviour and criminal damage.

Title:

Eston Hills access restriction work

Executive Summary:

To approve £4,599.59 spend from the PCC Community Safety Initiatives fund to enable Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council planning engineers to complete access restriction work on four identified access points to Eston Hills, thereby restricting access to the area by 4x4 and quad vehicles and reducing the associated antisocial behaviour and criminal damage. The work is being undertaken as part of a multi agency planning group, led by the PCC and involving Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council, Cleveland Fire Brigade, National Farmers Union and Teesside University. This funding, together with funding obtained from Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council and Teesside University and materials donated by TATA Steel will cover the costs of all the engineering work needed at each of the four sites.

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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)

Funds will be drawn from the PCC's Community Safety Initiative fund.

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: 

Date: 2/4/15

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS / DOES NOT HAVE my approval.

Signed: 

Date: 8/4/15



Fund Application Form

Title: Restricting access to Eston Hills for vehicles + quads

Author: Colin Bowley, Redcar +Cleveland Borough Council

Date: 23 March 2015

| | Please tick |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Application for Grant Funding | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Application for Property Act Funding <i>[must be for charitable and non-policing activities and events]</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Application for Community Safety Initiative funding | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Completed forms should be emailed to pcc@cleveland.pnn.police.uk.
Details provided within this application form will be published on the PCC website at www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk.

Section 1 – Basic bid information

Contact details

Please make sure that this person knows all aspects of your project and is able to talk about it if required

Title: First Name: Last Name:

Role/Position in organisation:

Organisation Name:

Organisation Address:

Postcode:

Email address:

Website:

In the case of a joint bid, please list all organisations and agencies involved as well as all key individuals.

| Organisation Name | Organisation Address | Contact name and details |
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How would you best describe your organisation?

Registered Charity Registration Number:

Voluntary or community organisation/group

Self help group/forum

Company limited by guarantee

Social Enterprise

Local Authority

Other

If other please clarify:

Aims and objectives of your organisation(s)

Please provide a summary of your organisation(s) aims and objectives (in no more than 300 words.)

Redcar and Cleveland Council has been working in partnership with the PCC, Cleveland Police, Cleveland Fire Brigade and Teesside University to identify and install physical barriers to restrict and reduce unauthorised access for 4x4 vehicles and quads. This will help improve the local environment for residents and visitors, protect livestock and the livelihoods of farmers and landowners and help to tackle rural crime, including 4x4 and quad theft and arson and at the more extreme level help to disrupt serious organised crime involved at various levels in accessing the Eston Hills on quads or in vehicles. The scheme has the backing of local landowners and farmers and has received support from local industry in the form of the donation of material, plant and labour.

Section 2 – Strategy Statement

Brief description of proposed initiative or service (in no more than 300 words)

Working in partnership four key locations have been identified in this first round and schemes have been developed to install physical solutions to prevent and restrict access for 4x4 vehicles and quads. This will for example involve the installation of gates, barriers and large planters in key locations to restrict vehicular access but to retain access for those on foot or on horseback. It is accepted that as these points are closed off, new access points may be opened over time and it is envisaged that a rolling programme of monitoring and intervention will be needed. This application will resolve the current problems and close off four key points.

Which geographical area(s) will benefit most from your initiative for which this application relates. (Please tick all boxes which apply:)

Redcar and Cleveland

Stockton

Middlesbrough

Hartlepool

Stakeholders

Who will benefit from the proposed initiative or service (in no more than 300 words).

There are a range of stakeholders:

local residents and visitors to continue accessing the Eston Hills in a safer environment without the noise nuisance from these vehicles and without the risk of being struck by one.

Landowners and farmers in terms of protecting the landscape and reducing the risk of frightening their livestock, which at certain times of the year, such as lambing time, when lives can be lost can be not only devastating from an animal welfare perspective but also financially crippling for local businesses.

The Police, Council and Fire Brigade will also be better able to re-allocate their resources to dealing with other priorities rather than being distracted by rural crime and arson. In December 2014 a police officer was injured by a rider on a stolen quad and the fire brigade had to respond to several incidents of burned out stolen vehicles.

Finally, the scheme supports the PCC and his desire to tackle rural crime.

Will this application support or enhance other services that you intend to commission? (in no more than 300 words)

Without the funding contribution this scheme will not proceed. Other partners are also supporting this scheme with funding, free labour and material, namely Teesside University, Redcar and Cleveland Local Authority, Tata Steel.

Section 3 – Financial information

Funding requested

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| £4,599.59 | Total funding requested |
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Funding period and payment schedule

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| March 2015 | 100% |
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Payment schedule (single payment, quarterly, etc)

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| Single payment to be made |
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Bid elements

| Service/Initiative | Amount Requested |
|--|-------------------|
| Contribution to the cost of the scheme (four projects) | £ 4,599.59 |
| | £ |
| | £ |
| | £ |
| Total funded requested | £ 4,599.59 |

Joint bid elements (if applicable)

| Service/Initiative | Amount Requested |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| | £ |
| | £ |
| | £ |
| | £ |
| Total funded requested | £ |

Start and End Dates

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|---------------|----------|
| November 2014 | May 2015 |
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Bank details

If your application is successful, we will pay your organisation by BACS transfer. It is therefore very important to ensure that the details below are accurate.

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| Bank account name (may be used as a reference) | |
| Sort Code | |
| Accoun Number | |

Exit Strategy – Can you secure alternative funding or to have plans to scale down your proposal if required? (in no more than 300 words)

The contribution from the PCC will meet around 50% of the cost of this initial scheme covering four key access points). Funding has already been confirmed from Teesside University of £5,000 and locally, ward councillors have allocated funds from their individual ward allowances of £1,000. The final scheme costs are expected to be no more than £10,500 although through the revision of the schemes and through the donation of free materials and labour, it is expected that the scheme will be finalised within the available budget assuming the award from the PCC is successful.

Should there be any surplus at the end of the project this will be returned to the PCC and other partners on a pro-rata basis or allocated to support the next access point to be identified. This decision will be made by the 'partnership' leading this project which includes representation from all partners.

The physical barriers are being installed under the direction of RCBC Engineers and will need to hit the necessary standards of construction as well as being robust enough to withstand the challenge.

The impact will need monitoring going forward and information from the police, fire brigade and from the local landowners and businesses will be vital in determining the success or otherwise of this project.

Lessons can also be learned going forward should it be necessary to repair or replace any barriers damaged over time or to install new measures.

Section 4 – Meeting the Police and Crime Commissioners Objectives

Which of the following Police and Crime Plan objectives will your initiative contribute towards?

- Retaining and developing neighbourhood policing
- Ensuring a better deal for victims and witnesses
- Diverting people from offending, with a focus on rehabilitation and the prevention of reoffending
- Develop better coordination, communication and partnership between agencies to make the best use of resources
- Working for better industrial and community relations

Please summarise how the initiative(s) will contribute towards the above objectives (in no more than 300 words)

The project demonstrates innovative collaboration between public and private sector to support the desire to tackle rural crime. In addition to the physical barriers to be installed at a number of key access points, the scheme will also see the installation of additional and improved signage as we work to educate those quad bike users and 4x4 drivers who are doing this as a hobby and are perhaps unaware of the damage they are doing to the local environment, to livestock and on the area generally.

Section 5 – Performance Criteria

What are the expected outcomes and performance measurement criteria to be used (including as appropriate indicators and trend analysis).

| Indicator/Trend | Outcome expected |
|---|---|
| ASB and criminal activity | Reduction in incidents of reported unauthorised vehicular access to the Eston Hills |
| Arson | Reduction in vehicle arson on the Eston Hills |
| Environmental damage and animal welfare | Reduction in damage to the local environment from such vehicle use and to livestock |

Section 6 – Governance, Reporting and Communications Plans

Please add details of your communications plan, showing how the initiative(s) will be communicated to stakeholders, service users and other partners (where appropriate). (in no more than 300 words)

RCBC Communications team will work with partners through the 'partnership' group to promote the key messages about unauthorised vehicle and quad access and to highlight the action taken to prevent this. This will involve all partners including those from industry who have donated free materials as well as the funding partners (PCC / University / Councillors etc)

The partnership group consists of officers from the Council, PCC, Police, Fire and with representation from the University.

Declaration

I certify that all the particulars given in the form are correct, that I agree with the Privacy note, and that any grant money received from Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland will be used for purposes stated in this form. The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland reserves the right to reclaim any grant not used for the purposes stated on this form.

I understand that the grant applied for is for this financial year only and that any grant provided will not be provided on an ongoing basis in future years.

I agree to provide a report detailing the outcomes of this project/activity (a form will be sent out for completion at the relevant time) if our application is successful and will acknowledge the Police and Crime Commissioner in any publicity relating to the project.

Please tick here to accept the above declaration.

Note: Your application will not be processed if this box is not checked.

Privacy Note

The information you have supplied in this form will be used to process your grant application. In order to make a decision on your application some of the de-personalised information provided may go into a public decision report. In addition your application form may be shared with third parties and partner agencies who may be involved in the decision making process or whom can verify specific facts within your application.

In addition we may be required to disclose information outside the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland to help prevent fraud, or if required to by law.

We may not be able to process your application if you do not provide all the requested information.

Full grant applications will be retained for a maximum of 6 years (plus current year). Information will be retained on a database at the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland for statistical and monitoring purposes.

Transparency/Open Data

If your application is successful, details of grants will be published on the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland's website; www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk No personal information will be published.