



Decision Reference: 2022-0022

## THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

### DECISION RECORD FORM

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

**Title:** Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence (CURV) Serious Violence Fund

**Executive Summary:**

In April 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.

Stockton Borough Council submitted an application for £32,208.68 to support their NTE Crime Prevention Plan, which was based around five strands of activity, including:

- **NTE Safety Campaign.** The campaign is planned around the 'Ask for Angela' initiative, with funding to help improve awareness and increase safety through the provision of glass/bottle covers and spiking test strips, hand metal detectors and bleed control kits.
- **Stockton-on-Tees CCTV Control Room.** Funding to support an uplift in CCTV staff over peak times.
- **Violence Prevention Measures.** Funding to support additional activities in NTE areas other than those directly affected by crime, to ensure they can assist the Police in the event of crime being diverted by the crime prevention plan.

The application of Stockton Borough Council was assessed by CURV to ensure consistency with Hartlepool Borough Council's application, and after a series of follow up questions were answered, the application was approved for a 4-month period from the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

**Decision:**

To approve the allocation of funding from the CURV budget to Stockton Borough Council to the value of up to £32,208.69

**OPCC Lead Officer:** John Holden

**Contractor Details (if applicable):** Stockton-on-Tees 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 funding to support this proposal is affordable from the Grant provided to the PCC in relation to the Violence Reduction Unit and therefore 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:**

The funding will support Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council 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 08/12/2022

**Police and Crime Commissioner:**

Signed



Date 14/12/2022