



Reference No: 2023/ 2024 - 0010

THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For Police and Crime Commissioner approval.

Title: Antisocial Behaviour Hotspot Local Authority Uniformed Patrols Funding

Executive Summary:

Following the government's pledge to clamp down on antisocial behaviour (ASB) the antisocial behaviour action plan was launched in March 2023. Under the plan, 16 areas in England and Wales will be funded to support either new hotspot police and enforcement patrols, in areas with the highest rates of anti-social behaviour or trial a new 'Immediate Justice' scheme to deliver swift and visible punishments. A select few areas, including Cleveland, will trial both interventions, and following these initial trailblazers, both schemes will be rolled out across England and Wales from 2024.

Cleveland has been allocated up to £1,000,000 from the Home Office to run the ASB hotspot patrols within Cleveland from July 2023 to March 2024.

Hotspots have been identified through a rigorous analysis process combining data from Cleveland Police, Local Authorities and Cleveland Fire Brigade to identify the locations where ASB disproportionately affects communities. In addition to identifying key locations, temporal data is being used to identify the key days and times affected by ASB.

The Cleveland model will utilise Local Authority enforcement staff to undertake the hotspot patrols. Local Authority partners have confirmed support for this approach. Initially this will be done with existing staff members, with the intention of recruiting in additional capacity to support the hotspot patrols approach.

Metrics will be captured in relation to numbers of patrols and enforcement activity and this will be used to evaluate the success of the initiative. In addition to this the Home Office will be conducting community surveys in a dip sample of areas to understand community impact.

Decision:

To approve the following funding allocations from 31 July 2023 to March 2024:

£310,000 to **Middlesbrough Council** to run ASB hotspot patrols in 7 hotspot locations

£310,000 to **Stockton Council** to run ASB hotspot patrols in 7 hotspot locations

£130,000 to **Redcar and Cleveland Council** to run ASB hotspot patrols in 3 hotspot locations

£130,000 to **Hartlepool Council** to run ASB hotspot patrols in 2 hotspot locations

£55,000 to **Cleveland Police** to provide and support with analytic support

£65,000 held by the **Cleveland Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner** for equipment, media costs and other associated project costs.

Total value requested from central government: £1,000,000 up to March 2024

The costs for job roles between April 2024 – August 2024 (to account for the provision of 12 months contracts) can be broken down as below:

Middlesbrough Council £125,000

Stockton Council: £125,000

Redcar and Cleveland Council: £50,000

Hartlepool Council: £50,000

Cleveland Police: (analytical support): £22,917

OPCC Lead Officer: Denise Holian

Contractor Details (if applicable): Local Authorities: Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton Councils and Cleveland Police

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 Government are providing £1m of funding in 2023/24 for these ASB hotspot patrols and all of this money is proposed to be committed and none can be carried forward. However, to be able to reasonably recruit into these roles, 1-year fixed term contracts will need to be committed to. These will extend beyond the 31st March 2024 and therefore the PCC, in making this decision, will be committing up to £373k of additional costs in 2024/25 for which there is no guarantee of funding.

Given the correspondence from the Government in relation to this area of Policy investment the PCC's CFO recognises the risk but believes this is a reasonable risk to take given that the expectation of the funding extending beyond the end of March 2024 is high.

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

None arising

Equality and Diversity Implications:

An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed to consider any impacts on individuals with protected characteristics.

Human Rights Implications:

No human rights issues have been identified.

Sustainability Implications:

At the end of the pilot period, the scheme will be evaluated to determine if it has delivered value for money. Although funding from central government is due to continue for a further 12 months post March 2024, the exact allocation amount is unknown at this stage.

Risk Management Implications:

A risk register has been created and will be maintained throughout the project.

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 02.08.2023

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request has my approval.

Signed  Date 04.08.2023