



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For Police and Crime Commissioner approval.

Title: Safer Streets Fund - Round 5

Executive Summary:

The Government is clear that everyone in this country should have the security and confidence that comes from having a safe street and a safe home, and this is central to the mission of levelling up. The Government's strategic approach to cutting crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB), reducing the number of victims of crime, and making the country safer is set out in the '**Beating Crime Plan**' and the recently launched '**Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan**'. The Beating Crime Plan shows how the government will focus efforts on 'hotspot' areas where crime is disproportionately concentrated; the **Safer Streets Fund** forms a key part of this approach in supporting local areas.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has been successful in securing funds from all previous Safer Streets Fund Rounds (previous decision records can be accessed here - [Safer Streets 1](#), [Safer Streets 2](#), [Safer Streets 3](#), [Safer Streets 4](#)).

Safer Streets Fund - Round 5 launched in July 2023 has an allocated budget across the country of **£43m** and will run for an **18-month period** from **1 October 2023 – 31 March 2025**. The aim of round 5 is to reduce levels of Neighbourhood Crime, Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), and Anti-Social Behaviour significantly in disproportionately and persistently affected areas, and develop the evidence base to inform future investment and commissioning decisions. Through this new round of funding, learning from previous rounds is being used to help ensure it is possible to evidence impact against the fund's objectives. As such, interventions in scope of funding are focused on those that there is evidence of positive outcomes through the evaluation of previous rounds.

For the first time funding is being **directly awarded** to Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) as opposed to competed. Although no longer competed PCCs are still required to submit funding proposals to confirm they meet the requirements of the fund. Each PCC is being allocated **£1m of funding** over the 18-month period – this is **up to £465,000 in financial year 2023/24** (from 1 October 2023 which must be spent by 31 March 2024) and **up to £535,000 in financial year 2024/25** (to spend between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025). The Home Office have indicated that a maximum of three proposals per PCC area can be submitted with the minimum budget per proposal bring £200,000 with £500,000 being the upper limit.

Together with local partners, as part of the development of funding proposals, the OPCC conducted some analytical work to understand and identify the areas most affected by the crime/issue types in scope across Cleveland. This resulted in the three areas below being identified with the proposed interventions and deliverables submitted to the Home Office for consideration:

Middlesbrough – Central and Longlands/ Beechwood Wards (Proposal 1) with a focus on Neighbourhood Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Total funded requested: Up to £330,720

2023/24 – Up to £152,100

2024/25 – Up to £178,620

Funding will be allocated as below:

Middlesbrough Council – £278,800

Cleveland Police - £26,920

OPCC retains (communications) - £20,000

Community First (Target Hardening Installation) - £5,000

Outputs of this funding will include:

- Physical home security measures
- Safer Streets Officer to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour
- Environmental Interventions
- Additional CCTV and Refuge Points
- Communications Campaigns Professional Witness Service

Stockton – Town Centre and Ropner Wards (Proposal 2) with a focus on Neighbourhood Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

Total funding requested: Up to £329,720

2023/24 – Up to £154,410

2024/25 – Up to £175,310

Funding will be allocated as below:

Stockton Council – Up to £123,500

Cleveland Police – Up to £107,220

A Way Out - £15,000

Empowering Women - £84,000.

Outputs of the funding will include:

- Improved CCTV and street lighting
- Environmental target hardening activity
- Community / residents target hardening
- Educational programme focussing on attitudinal and behavioural change for women to improve understanding and confidence in preventing and responding to VAWG and empowering women to enable change
- Education and support programme with sex workers

Hartlepool - Victoria Ward (Proposal 3) with a focus on Neighbourhood Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Total Funding Requested: Up to £333,333

2023/24 – Up to £155,000

2024/25 – Up to £178,333

Hartlepool Council will be awarded up to the full allocation of funding with the outputs including:

- Target Hardening packs for properties in the area and the securing of void properties
- Alley gate improvements
- Additional CCTV and improvements to street lighting
- Community Cohesion Officer to undertake community engagement, development, and capacity building to encourage the local community to take ownership of their area, encourage reporting of crime to the police / council, and establish Neighbourhood Watch Schemes
- Environmental Project Officer to gather information and intelligence, investigate environmental Crime and ASB, undertake alley gate checks and environmental enforcement activity.

The remaining £6,227 will split across each of the 3 bids and contribute to the internal costs incurred within the OPCC.

Decision: Subject to Home Office approval, this decision is for the PCC to agree the allocations and delivery of Safer Streets Fund – Round 5 in line with the contents outlined above.

OPCC Lead Officer: Sarah Wilson / Rachelle Kipling

Contractor Details (if applicable): Hartlepool Borough Council, Middlesbrough Borough Council, Stockton Borough Council, Cleveland Police, Empowering Women, A Way Out, Community First

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 proposal set out within this decision will be fully funded through the award of additional funding. If this funding is not awarded and/or the Home Office do not support specific aspects of the bids, then this decision will be revisited.

Details of the required levels of matched funding have also been included within the bids and these meet the grant requirements too.

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

Grant agreements are in place and will be robustly monitored throughout the duration of the Safer Streets 5 Project.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

Equality and diversity implications have been considered as part of project proposals being submitted to the Home Office including the diversity of the communities in the targeted local authority locations.

Human Rights Implications:

Human rights implications have been considered as part of project proposals being submitted to the Home Office.

Sustainability Implications:

There is a 50% match funding requirement as part of this project to encourage sustainability. As part of applications submitted to the Home Office sustainability plans and approaches were required.

Risk Management Implications:

Following approval of proposals from the Home Office a Safer Streets 5 Risk Register will be created and managed throughout the delivery period to March 2025.

OFFICER APPROVAL

Monitoring Officer:

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 E Pout Date 24 August 2023

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed  Date 25 August 2023