



Decision Reference: 2024/2025 - 0003

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 Extension

Executive Summary:

Following the successful implementation of the ASB (antisocial behaviour) hotspot patrols that were ran as pilots by 10 areas in England and Wales, a government decision has been made to extend hotspot patrols to all Force areas in England and Wales. Cleveland was part of the successful pilot implementation of ASB hotspot patrols which ran from March 2023 – April 2024.

The funding for April 2024 – March 2025 will incorporate funding for both ASB hotspots and serious violence hotspots. Cleveland has been allocated up to £1,420,423 from the Home Office, to deliver hotspot response patrols in locations identified as high for ASB or serious violence.

Although the funding for ASB and serious violence hotspot has been amalgamated, they will continue to run as separate projects, having different operating models and maturity levels. Opportunities for collaborative work in areas that are high for both ASB and serious violence will be considered where appropriate.

The hotspot locations for both ASB and serious violence will be refreshed as part of a data analysis review, for July 2024.

The Cleveland model for ASB hotspots will continue to utilise local authority enforcement staff to undertake the hotspot patrols in areas of high ASB. All districts have recruited additional Community Wardens, on fixed term contracts, to deliver patrols in the ASB hotspot locations. This will continue through April 2024 – March 2025 with existing grant agreements being varied to reflect the extension of the funding period to March 2025.

Serious violence hotspots will be patrolled by Police Officers with support from PCSO (Police Community Support Officers) as part of the plan to transition serious violence hotspot patrols into business as usual. The PCSO patrols will be funded by Cleveland Police.

Metrics will be captured in relation to numbers of patrols; number of ASB incidents in hotspots and enforcement activity which is being reported back to the Home Office. In addition, the Home Office will be conducting community surveys in a dip sample of areas to understand community impact. Analysis of ASB incidents and crime will be undertaken in all of the hotspot areas.

Decision: To approve the following updated funding allocation for April 2024 – March 2025:

£370,000 to Middlesbrough Borough Council to run ASB hotspot patrols.

£260,000 to Stockton Borough Council to run ASB hotspot patrols.

£140,000 to Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council to run ASB hotspot patrols.

£140,000 to Hartlepool Borough Council to run ASB hotspot patrols.

£192,100 to Cleveland Police to run serious violence hotspot patrols.

£112,925 to Cleveland Police for analysis.

£228,380 to Cleveland Police for problem solving.

£17,000 for transport costs.

£10,000 for a GPS tracking system.

£1,470,405 in total

(Total value available from central government: £1,420,423 up to March 2025

An additional £49,982 will be available from OPCC to fund the difference between what has been allocated from central government compared to what was anticipated based on previous years funding.)

This supersedes previous staffing costs agreed for April 2024 – August 2024

OPCC Lead Officer: Denise Holian

Contractor Details (if applicable): Local Authorities: Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton Borough Councils; 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 funding to support this decision is included within the agreed 2024-25 budget that was approved in February 2024. This funding is underpinned from communications from the Government setting out the level of grant funding to be received in 2024-25 for the areas covered by this decision.

This decision is therefore affordable to the PCC.

It is important to recognise that currently there is no confirmation that this funding will continue beyond 2024/25.

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:

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:

Serious violence hotspots - sustainability

The planned model for SV hot spot patrols includes officers funded to work overtime alongside PCSOs conducting activity as part of business as usual. This means 50% of serious violence patrols during 24/25 will be part of BAU. During 24/25 the Force will be looking at how the patrols can be made sustained for 25/26 onwards as part of the annual business planning cycle.

ASB Hotspots – sustainability

As part of the ASB Hotspot patrol project we will build an evidence base to be used as a business case for continuing the Hotspot response activity beyond March 2025. The business case will be presented to Community Safety Partnerships for them to consider continued funding of proactive Hotspot patrols.

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

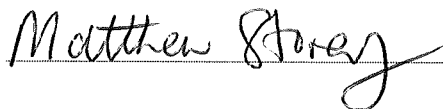


Date 23.07.24

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request has my approval.

Signed



Date 24/7/24