



Decision Reference: 2024 - 012 -
MFC Foundation Premier League
Kicks

THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) approval.

Title: MFC Foundation Premier League Kicks funding

Executive Summary:

Whilst the PCC does not have a statutory duty to provide youth diversionary activity the impact of engaging in positive activity, including sport, on youth offending behaviour has long been recognised.

Supporting youth diversionary activity contributes to the PCC vision of 'Working together to build safe, strong and confident communities' and is particularly pertinent in relation to the new Police and Crime Plan priorities around:

- Reduce crime, antisocial behaviour and harm
- Tackle offending and re-offending

Middlesbrough FC Foundation is the official charity of Middlesbrough Football Club, established in 1996 to encourage and advance life-chances for children and adults within the Tees Valley, to raise aspirations and to promote wellbeing.

The OPCC have funded MFC Foundation Premier League Kicks since 2015, with the current grant arrangements due to conclude in March 2025.

The PL Kicks programme is an initiative that uses football and the brand of a professional football club to engage 8 to 18 year olds in deprived areas with high levels of youth antisocial behaviour and violence.

The programme offers open access free of charge sessions involving coaching in a range of sports, including football, together with a range of workshops on targeted issues.

During 2024 the OPCC undertook a review of the current service to provide options in relation to future funding arrangements. The review concluded that MFC PL Kicks provision is of a high quality and valued by both the service users who access the service and also by the range of partnership organisations that either refer into the service or benefit from the increased diversionary activities being delivered in areas where crime and antisocial behaviour are at high levels.

The review also concluded that MFC Foundation are the only local provider who could deliver this service due to the added value obtained through match funding from the Premier League

and the brand of a professional football club.

The review did note the lack of current provision for under 18s in the Stockton Local Authority area and recommended that any extension of OPCC funding should be dependent on MFC Foundation expanding the PL Kicks under 18 provision into Stockton.

Decision:

To extend grant arrangements with MFC Foundation for the delivery of MFC PL Kicks for four years to March 2029. Extension of funding is dependent on the service expanding to cover Stockton Local Authority area for under 18s. Funding levels will be £24,000 per annum.

OPCC Lead Officer: Sarah Wilson

Contractor Details (if applicable): As listed above

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 will be incorporated into the financial plans that are currently being updated and developed. Should this decision be approved, this item will be specifically included in the financial plans of the PCC and is affordable.

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:

None arising.

Human Rights Implications:

None arising.

Sustainability Implications:

None arising.

Risk Management Implications:

None arising.

OFFICER APPROVAL

Monitoring Officer:

Signed



Date 11.11.2024

Police and Crime Commissioner:

Signed



Date 11.11.2024

