



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

Request: For Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) approval

Title: Hotspot Action Patrols April 2025 – March 2026

Executive Summary:

This decision relates to funding received from the Home Office to deliver Hotspot Patrols in the Cleveland area. This continues the funding from April 2024 – March 2025 and is expected to continue the work started during this period. The total amount allocated to Cleveland for this financial year is: **£1,420,423**, which was confirmed on 25/02/2025. Guidance was issued on 04/03/25 for completing the hotspot delivery plans, which were required for submission on 31/03/2025. Formal grant agreement from the Home Office was still awaited at the time this decision has been completed – as a result delivery is continuing at risk with no formal agreements in place between the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and the Home Office and the OPCC and delivery partners.

The hotspots for both antisocial behaviour (ASB) and serious violence (SV) will be reviewed in the first quarter of 2025-2026 (April 25 – June 25) to ensure that they meet the revised guidance for 2025-2026. A new set of hotspots is expected to be operational from 01/07/2025; delivery on hotspot patrols will continue, as it is currently until that date. In line with the guidance, a single set of hotspots will be produced for July 2025 – March 2026, however, the patrols will be staffed by the most appropriate lead agency for the issues present.

Although the overall funding remains unchanged from last year and the distribution of funding is very similar, there are a few changes. Funding to local authorities will be calculated from the number of patrol hours delivered by the authority each quarter, rather than the number of staff employed. Funding to Cleveland Police now includes a dedicated sergeant who will be responsible for managing the patrol rota and compliance. This will help us to achieve a key target for the funding, delivering 13,000 patrol hours during the funding period.

This contributes to the Police and Crime priorities in relation to reducing crime, antisocial behaviour and harm and building trust and confidence in policing and the justice system through; reducing the number of crimes and antisocial behaviour incidents in the hotspots through the deterrence effect of uniformed patrols, and the visible presence of uniformed patrols supporting increased confidence in communities. Analysis of the hotspots for September 2023 – August 2024 showed a reduction of 21% in ASB reported incidents to Cleveland Police, compared to the same period in the previous year.

Decision: To approve the following updated funding allocation for April 2025 – March 2026 (subject to Home Office approval):

Middlesbrough Borough Council - £372,960 to deliver 4,144 hotspot patrol hours from April 2025 to March 2026.

Stockton Borough Council - £262,980 to deliver 2,922 hotspot patrol hours from April 2025 to March 2026.

Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council - £143,010 to deliver 1,589 hotspot patrol hours from April 2025 to March 2026.

Hartlepool Borough Council - £143,010 to deliver 1,589 hotspot patrol hours from April 2025 to March 2026.

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£282,603.79 to deliver 3,600 hotspot patrol hours from April 2025 – March 2026. (There will be an element of match funding contributing to the above patrol hours total, from PCSO patrols as part of transitioning to business as usual.)

£100,017.64 to support performance and analysis activity.

£105,841.57 to support partnership problem solving.

£10,000 for patrol monitoring system.

£1,420,423 in total

OPCC Lead Officer: Denise Holian

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

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 proposed expenditure of this ring-fenced funding is in line with the expected grant that the PCC has been allocated for Hotspot Patrols and therefore should be affordable to the PCC. There is some element of risk given that the Grant Terms and Conditions have not been provided to the PCC yet, although the PCC CFO judges any risk to be small.

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. Aligned with the PCC's equality objectives, delivery monitoring arrangements will be put in place.

Human Rights Implications:

No human rights issues have been identified.

Sustainability Implications:

Cleveland Police - sustainability

The planned model for 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 25/26 will be part of BAU. During 25/26 the Force will be looking at how the patrols can be made sustained for 26/27 onwards as part of the annual business planning cycle.

Local Authority – sustainability

As part of the Hotspot patrol project we will build an evidence base to be used as a business case for continuing the Hotspot response activity beyond March 2026. 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

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



Date 01.05.2025

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed

Date

Matt

02/05/2025