



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

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

Title: Procurement Report for the Commissioning of a Community Guardians Programme

Executive Summary:

The **Community Guardians** programme aims to identify and support community members who engage with children and young people to identify potential risks of exploitation and respond appropriately - they play a crucial role in preventing and responding to child exploitation.

The key objectives of the programme include:

- Consistent approach to programme delivery across the whole of the Cleveland area (Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland, and Stockton-on-Tees).
- Identifying a broad and diverse range of community members who can act as '**Community Guardians**' to help identify children at risk and respond appropriately.
- Recognising and sharing risk factors within the HOTH (Harm Outside the Home) safeguarding process.
- Making community spaces safer for children and young people by fostering safe, supportive environments.
- Engaging a broad spectrum of the community to build resilience and strengthen community safety networks.
- Recruiting, training, and supporting a network of **Community Guardians** across four local authority areas.

The purpose of this report is to advise the Police and Crime Commissioner of the procurement process undertaken to award a contract for the Community Guardians Programme.

Details of the Procurement Process are included in the appended report.

Decision: That the Police and Crime Commissioner note the procurement process used to appoint a contract for the Community Guardians Programme.

The Police and Crime Commissioner accept recommendation of the Evaluation Team to award the contract to Bidder 1.

OPCC Lead Officer: Denise Jackson

Contractor Details (if applicable): Ivison Trust (Bidder 1)

Implications:

Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	
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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 maximum funding available for the Community Guardians Programme is £70,000 per annum.

Following a competitive tendering exercise, the following annual prices were received from each Bidder.

As well as scoring the highest for Quality, Bidder 1 also submitted the lowest annual price:

	Submitted Price £	Annual
Bidder 1	£65,446.00	
Bidder 2	£69,770.00	
Bidder 3	£70,000.00	
Bidder 4	£69,999.92	

Funding is available to support this decision for 2025/26 only at this stage, with £35k coming from the CURV budget and the remaining £35k from the wider OPCC Commissioning Budget. The contract is initially for one year with an option to extend for a further year subject to funding.

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

Diversity and Equality Implications have been considered as part of this tender and specification development.

Human Rights Implications

There are no Human Rights Act implications arising from this report.

Sustainability Implications

A Social Value Question was included within the scored area of the tender which accounted for 10% of the Quality weighting element. The responses received provided proposed commitments to Social Value and Sustainability in line with the PCC's requirements.

Risk Management Implications

There are no risks associated with the award of this tender.

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 06.08.25

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.



Signed

Date 07.08.25