



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

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

Title: Contribution towards costs of Fire Cadet Programme

Executive Summary:

Key priorities in the Police and Crime Commissioner's 2024-29 Police and Crime Plan are to 'Reduce crime, antisocial behaviour and harm' and to 'Tackle offending and reoffending'. This includes ensuring that young people have access to positive development and diversionary activities to promote community cohesion and positive involvement in the areas where they live.

Cleveland Fire Brigade propose to deliver one two-year Fire Cadets Programme, for secondary school aged young people living within the Cleveland area. Cadets will meet weekly during term time and engage in additional training and outward bound activities during school holiday periods. Activities will include preparing and delivering safety presentations to the wider community, developing skills and confidence for the young people whilst improving the safety of residents in the area. Those taking part in the programme will achieve a BTEC Level 2 Award in the Fire and Rescue Service in the Community.

Cleveland Fire Brigade's Commissioned Services Team will run a robust recruitment campaign in local schools, youth clubs and with local agencies and establish a unit as of April 2026. Each unit costs £22,000 to deliver over a two-year period, which covers staffing, activities and uniforms.

Following receipt of a funding application, the Police and Crime Commissioner met with the Cleveland Fire Brigade Chief Fire Officer on 8th January 2026 and agreed to contribute £10,000 from the Community Safety Fund towards the cost of delivering the two-year programme.

Decision: To approve £10,000.00 funding from the Community Safety Fund to contribute towards the costs of a two year Fire Cadet programme for young people in Cleveland.

OPCC Lead Officer: Sarah Wilson

Contractor Details (if applicable): As set out in decision

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



(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)

There is sufficient funding within the 2025/26 OPCC budget to fund this contribution.

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 arise.

Sustainability Implications:

Cleveland Fire Brigade will explore alternative funding opportunities for future development of the scheme.

Risk Management Implications:

None arising.

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

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Date 06.02.26

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Matt

Signed

Date 09.02.26