



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

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

Title: Justice First International Football Tournament Funding – June 2026

Executive Summary:

Justice First is committed to fostering a society that is inclusive, welcoming, and upholds the dignity of individuals seeking refuge in the UK. Based in the Tees Valley, they specifically support asylum seekers navigating the application process, offering a crucial lifeline to those in need.

Their work is focused on three core areas:

- developing solutions
- building resilience
- promoting understanding

Justice First plans to host a one-day multicultural football tournament on Saturday June 20th 2026, with the goals of promoting community unity, reducing fear of crime and authorities, and enhancing social integration among diverse social and cultural groups in Teesside.

This event aims to support asylum seekers, refugees, and ethnic minority communities who may be particularly vulnerable to hate crimes by providing a positive and welcoming space for engagement with law enforcement and the wider community. By creating a safe and non-threatening environment, the event helps reduce fear, build trust, and encourage open communication – aligning to the Police and Crime Plan priorities:

- Ensuring the right support for victims and vulnerable people.
- Building trust and confidence in policing and the criminal justice system.

The event is designed to benefit approximately 250 football players, their families and friends, participating organisations, and the wider community, particularly through the positive media attention it will generate. It will also showcase the athletic talents within diverse communities, offering a platform for showcasing unity through sport.

The project seeks to create a safer space for both service users and the general public, while empowering refugees to feel more confident in reporting crimes and seeking support when needed.

This is an annual event that only Justice First provide and arrange locally. Funding will be provided from the Police Property Act Fund

Decision: For the PCC to approve £1,700 funding from the Police Property Act Fund to Justice First to host their annual one-day multicultural football tournament taking place on Saturday June 20th 2026.

OPCC Lead Officer: Sarah Wilson

Contractor Details (if applicable): Justice First (charity number 1116388)

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)

There is sufficient funding within the Property Act fund to support this decision.

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:

None arising – the event is a one day event.

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



Date 10.04.2026

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.



Signed

Date 13.04.2026