

**OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMBERSIDE
DECISION RECORD**

Decision Record Number: **14/2022**

Title: **Spin Off Productions Interactive Theatre**

Executive Summary:

Spin Off productions, a local Humber theatre company will deliver a series of interactive theatre productions aimed at raising awareness about scams, targeted to the Humber area. Distributing literature and opening up engagement for the community to professionals who will provide resilience and support on scam related issues.

Decision:

That funding of £4125 is provided to Spin Off Productions for delivery of interactive theatre productions aimed at raising awareness of scams in Humberside. Funded from core budget, there is capacity in the budget to fund.

Background Report: Open

Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct.

Any such interests are recorded below.

The above decision has my approval.

Signature



Date 28/02/2022

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMBERSIDE**

**SUBMISSION FOR:
DECISION**

OPEN

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Date: 21.2.2022

1. Executive Summary

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2. Recommendation(s)

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3. Background

Spin Off Productions will raise awareness about scamming is by using a technique called Forum Theatre.

Forum Theatre is a method that involves the audience in making decisions throughout the performance. For this project professional actors and performers will deliver a performance depicting different forms of scams which are telephone scamming and bogus callers/doorstep scams.

Each scam will be performed as a sketch using 3 professional actors and relevant props. At the end of the performance the actors will re-enact relevant scenes and the audience will be asked to decide on the course of action taken by a particular character. They will then be asked to take the part of the actor and the audience member then joins the scene to play out their ideas to see if it changes the outcome for the characters.

After each sketch/performance there will be a discussion facilitated by professionals during which the audience will be able to discuss experiences and ask questions. Professional facilitators will also explain how to report scams or suspected scams.

Each performance will be supported by literature which individuals can take away as a reminder of what they have learnt. This will include contact details of organisations that can be contacted for support.

The funding will provide:

- Performances at the three East Riding sessions (using existing two scripts)
- The production of a short film to support awareness raising, which will be distributed to relevant organisations and posted online.
- Posting and promoting the film through our social media channels, website.

4. Options

There are three options.

Option 1 - Do nothing - don't fund

This option is not recommended as it would be a lost opportunity for the Commissioner to engage with public on priority issue such as scams and fraud, and raise awareness of the risks to the public.

Option 2 – Fund partial contribution

Similar to option 1 the PCC could make a partial contribution but this would then require further grants to be identified.

Option 3 – Fund full amount

This option is recommended because it allows the PCC to capitalise on the innovative awareness raising opportunity and secure the opportunity to capitalise on the pre and post event communications. Supporting key community safety aims within the police and crime plan.

5. Risks

The risks are minimal to the investment. There is money available budget.

6. Contribution to Delivery of the Police and Crime Plan

This investment will contribute directly to aims one and two of the Police and Crime Plan through Engaged, Resilient and Inclusive Communities and Safer Communities.

7. Financial Implications

The budget requirement is £4125 which will secure the series of events for 2022.

Costs as follows:

- £2,625 for the performances
- £1,500 for the film
- Total £4,125

8. Legal Implications

None

9. Equalities Implications

N/A

10. Consultation

- None

11. Communication Issues

Opportunity for positive PR

12. Background documents

- None

13. Publication

- Open

This matrix provides a simple check list for the things you need to have considered within your report. If there are no implications please state

I have informed and sought advice from HR, Legal, Finance, OPCC officer(s) etc prior to submitting this report for official comments	Yes
Is this report proposing an amendment to the budget?	Yes
Value for money considerations have been accounted for within the report	Yes
The report is approved by the relevant Chief Officer	Yes
I have included any procurement/commercial issues/implications within the report	Yes
I have liaised with Corporate Communications on any communications issues	Yes
I have completed an Equalities Impact Assessment and the outcomes are included within the report	N/A
I have included any equalities, diversity and or human rights implications within the report	N/A

Any Health and Safety implications are included within the report	Yes
I have included information about how this report contributes to the delivery of the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan	Yes