

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

Decision Record Number **22/2024**

Title **Hotspot Response Fund**

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Decision of the PCC

Approved.

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 23/05/2024

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SUBMISSION FOR: DECISION

OPEN

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2. Recommendation(s)

To accept the funding award and enter into grant agreements with Local Authority partners to deliver the project.

3. Background

The Government published its Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) action plan in March 2023. This included funding for ASB Hotspot Response pilots in ten police force areas in 2023/24, ahead of an anticipated wider roll out across England and Wales in 2024/25. The aim of the ASB Hotspot Response was to ensure an enhanced uniformed presence in ASB hotspot areas. The roll out of the scheme more widely across England and Wales offers a great opportunity for further successes and outcomes to be made, helping to prevent and tackling ASB across our communities.

Since 2021/22, the Government has provided Grip funding to the police force areas experiencing the highest levels of serious violence (SV) to support the police's operational response to tackling SV. The programme was expanded to include Humberside in 2022/23.

The aim of the Grip serious violence funding was to immediately suppress and reduce serious violence by increasing delivery of visible patrol activity in hotspots whilst also supporting adoption of strategic problem-oriented policing to address the root causes of violence within hotspot locations.

Recognising the obvious overlap between ASB Hotspot Response patrolling and Grip serious violence hotspot policing, in December 2023 Ministers decided to combine the two funding streams. This resulted in the launch of the Hotspot Response Fund, which has been made available to Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) for them to direct. The PCC for Humberside has ringfenced part of the funding to support multiagency problem-solving, in addition to the delivery of visible patrol activity in hotspot locations.

The OPCC has now been informed that the bid was successful, so there is a need to implement the proposal.

4. Options

- 1) To accept the funding award and enter into a grant agreement with the Home Office (**recommended**).
- 2) Not to accept the funding.

5. Financial Implications (Seek financial advice from Chief or Deputy Chief or Deputy Chief Finance Officer)

The Grant Offer from the Home Office is for £1,592,107.15 (including £199,127.15 Community Insights funding which was the subject of a previous decision record) for the Funding Period 2024/25. This includes costs relating to Analytical Capability, Operational Hotspot Patrol Activity and Problem Orientated Policing Activity.

Under the terms of the grant, this will be paid in arrears and must be spent by 31 March 2025. OPCC staff time involved in the project will be able to be recharged to the project.

6. Legal Implications (Seek advice from Legal Services)

None – the Home Office will pay the funds under a Grant Agreement which is based on the existing Grip Grant Agreement. Grant agreements will be put in place with Local Authority partners will use the standard OPCC grant terms previously approved by Legal Services.

The PCC has the power to issue grants under Section 143 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

7. Driver for Change/Contribution to Delivery of the Police and Crime Plan

The project contributes to the following Police and Crime Plan objectives:

- Prevent crime through an evidence-based approach to issues affecting our communities
- Secure more funding from Government and others by being ambitious and collaborating with local organisations

8. Equalities Implications (Have due regard to the Public Section Equality Duty)

There is no specific impact anticipated as a result of this activity.

9. Consultation

Consultation has taken place with:

- Chief Executive
- Head of Policy and Partnerships
- Chief Finance Officer
- Data Protection Officer

The bid was developed in collaboration with the Force team delivering the previous Grip programme.

10. Media information (Seek advice from Head of Communications)

There will continue to be regular opportunities to announce successful projects and publicise their impact. It is a requirement of the Home Office to positively promote the Hotspot Response Fund and report on Communication and Public Confidence Activities as part of the quarterly progress report.

This will be achieved by working in conjunction with the OPCC's Communications Manager and project partners.

11. Background documents (This will be published if open)

None

12. Publication

Open

13. DPIA considered (Data Protection Officer will complete full checklist – see attached)

The OPCC will only see aggregated information; no personal information will be shared.