

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

Decision Record Number **38/2024**

Title **Hull City Council – Dark Nights Project**

Executive Summary

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As per the recent board decision, the OPCC must be consulted to seek agreement to use the fund.

Decision of the PCC

Approved

Background Report: Open

Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside

I confirm I have considered whether 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 12/11/2024

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SUBMISSION FOR: DECISION

OPEN

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Date: 8/10/24

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2. Recommendation(s)

It is recommended the OPCC agree the use of the partnership funds to fund the bid, option 1.

3. Background

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4. Options

- 1) Agree the use of partnership funds from the “PCC fund” reserve.
- 2) Decline the use of the “PCC fund” reserve and decline the bid.

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

ERYC partnership finance team have considered the bid and there are sufficient funds to agree the amount requested.

- 6. Legal Implications (Seek advice from Legal Services)**
None
- 7. Driver for Change/Contribution to Delivery of the Police and Crime Plan**
This is a community-based road safety project that targets some of the most vulnerable road users. It provides them with education and the means to be seen on the roads during darkness. It contributes to Aim 2 of the plan Safer Communities, supporting the outcome relating to Safer Roads for all users.
- 8. Equalities Implications (Have due regard to the Public Section Equality Duty)**
None
- 9. Consultation**
Safer Roads Humber board members have been consulted and the board voted in principle to accept the bid from the "PCC fund"
- 10. Media information (Seek advice from Communications Officer)**
Hull City Council and the partnership will be doing a media campaign to promote road safety within the cycling community.
- 11. Background documents (This will be published if open)**
Hull City Council bid to the partnership
- 12. Publication**
Open
- 13. DPIA considered (Data Protection Officer will complete full checklist)**
Not required.

SAFER ROADS HUMBER

BID APPLICATION FORM**FOR CASUALTY REDUCTION PROJECTS/INITIATIVES**

Please complete the attached form and email to: ian.robertson@humberside.pnn.police.uk

1. Name of Project

Bike Lights for Dark Nights (2-year scheme)

2. Project location (Countywide or area?)

Hull City Wide

3. Value of Bid in total and profiled by year

£4,336.00 Total (Exc VAT)

Financial year	Amount
2024-2025	£2,168.00 (Exc VAT) Bike lights and reflective wear (200 units)
2025-2026	£2,168.00 (Exc VAT) Bike lights and reflective wear (200 units)

4. Please write a short statement on how your project supports the identified aims of Safer Roads Humber

The project aims to reduce the number of cycle collisions in Hull through the provision of bike lights and reflective wear. More specifically, this initiative will help to reduce the risk factors that contribute towards a collision. Recorded between 2018 – 2022, SRH statistics show that 2% of cyclists are involved in a collision due to defective bike lights. A further 3% of collisions were a result of riders wearing dark clothing. Collectively, 5% of cyclists are involved in a collision due to these contributory factors. See table below:

Hull Cycles involved in injury collisions 2018 - 2022

Contributory factor (CF)	Cycles	Percentage
506 Not displaying lights at night or in poor visibility	16	3%
507 Rider wearing dark clothing	16	3%
202 Defective lights	9	2%
310 Cyclist entering road from pavement	67	13%
Number of cycles involved in injury collisions with CF assigned	500	

Recorded between 2018 – 2022 from October – January, SRH statistics indicates that 32.4% of cyclists are involved in a collision between the hours of 16:00 – 18:00. From October – January (2018-2022) 376 cyclists were injured in Hull, 123 of those injuries occurred in October, the

month the clocks go back. In a typical week, cycle collisions are more common on weekdays than weekends. Between 2018 – 2022 a total of 318 cyclists were injured on a weekday (Mon-Fri) compared to 58 injuries on a weekend (Sat-Sun). These trends suggests that cycle collisions are more likely to occur on a weekday during peak commuting times, between the Autumn/Winter months when daylight hours are reduced.

5. Please provide an overview of your project, what you aim to do (outputs/objectives/timescales), how you will know if your project has been successful.

Our project is designed to promote road safety and reduce collisions by increasing the number of cyclists riding with bike lights and reflective wear in and around Hull. This will be achieved through the distribution and fitting of bike lights and high-vis ruck sack covers to poorly illuminated cyclists.

We will target busy roads across the cities network including; Springbank, Beverly/Clough road, Anlaby road, Freetown way, Holderness road and Mount Pleasant. Evidenced by Key Accident data recorded between 2018 – 2022, the % of collisions involving a cyclist are shown below:

Location	Cycle collisions
Mount Pleasant	38%
Springbank	24%
Beverley/Clough Road	32%
Anlaby Road	31%
Freetown Way	27%
Holderness Road	30%

Our approach is to issue lights and reflective wear to passing cyclists that are seen riding without lights and/or in poor visibility. Using intervention, practical advice and through the fitting of bike lights and distribution of ruck sack covers, we will increase the safety of those cyclists by improving their visibility to other road users and thereby reducing their risk as a vulnerable road user. We will measure the success of our initiative by evidencing the number of cyclists that were issued with the equipment.

More specifically, and in relation to the Mount Pleasant and Holderness Road junction, this initiative will act as a roadside education event, supporting the current [red light camera enforcement scheme](#). Between 2019 – 2023, there have been a total of 6 collisions involving a cyclist at this junction, 5 of which occurred when daylight hours were reduced.

6. Broadly itemise how any award funds will be utilised

Item to be purchased (e.g. equipment, training, merchandise, marketing, staff costs etc.)	Amount
Defender Lumos Pro USB Bike Light Set (400 units total)	£8.05 per unit
Hi-Vis Rucksack Cover (400 units total)	£2.79 per unit

7. Are there plans to continue the project once the grant fund is spent?

The aim is to continue the project in the Autumn/Winter period of 2025-2026, with a focus on local schools/business engagement. Delivered as part of our Modeshift STARS Education and Business travel plan programme, we will aim to support local schools and businesses through the provision of bike lights and high-vis ruck sack covers. This will help to ensure commuting cyclists, both pupils and employees, are “safe and seen” when cycling on the city’s roads. We will aim to deliver the initiative through a series of on-site engagement events.

8. Reference material available on request

9. Submitting officer

Caitlynn Adams (Business Travel Plan Officer)

10. Treasury (impact on financial plan)

The uncommitted balance on the Safer Roads Humber reserve is £0.015m. The 2024-25 month 5 budget monitoring is forecasting an overspend of £0.281m. The final outturn position is uncertain and any increase in the overspend would need to be funded from the reserve. The PCC Fund has an uncommitted balance of £0.221m and bids would be subject to decision record approval from the OPCC.

11. Partnership manager (identify any risks and recommendations)

Cyclists are among our most vulnerable road users and are often cycling without protective or high visibility clothing etc.

The partnership engages and educates all road users, but especially the most vulnerable and this project would go some way to educate and help to make safe cyclists at some of the areas where collisions have regularly occurred with cyclists.

Hull City Council along with the local policing team and partnership have been engaging with cyclists at the junction of Mount Pleasant where red traffic light compliance has been poor. This will add to that education and engagement.

Partnership funds are expected to be very limited this year; however, this community project would be suitable for the PCC fund. If agreed in principle at the board, a decision record will be submitted to the OPCC with a view to fund.

12. Board comments

13. Approved / not approved

14. Minute number