

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

Decision Record Number: **31/2017**

Title: **Humber Watch**

Executive Summary:

A decision was sought from the Police and Crime Commissioner to provide funding to enable the coordination of Neighbourhood Watch organisations across Humberside through a newly constituted 'Humber Watch Association'

Decision:

That funding of £4,000 for this financial year (2017/18) be approved as set out in the report.

Background Report: Open

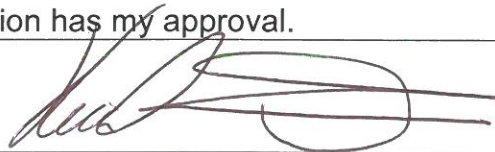
Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside

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 01.08.17

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMBERSIDE**

SUBMISSION FOR: DECISION

OPEN

Title: Humber Watch

Date: 1st August 2017

1. Executive Summary

This report seeks a decision from the Police and Crime Commissioner to provide funding to enable the coordination of Neighbourhood Watch organisations across Humberside through a newly constituted 'Humber Watch Association'.

2. Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that the Police and Crime Commissioner approve the funding of £4,000 for this financial year (2017/18) as set out in this submission report.

3. Background

Neighbourhood Watch groups have associations in each of the four Unitary Authorities. They have now come together to form a new area wide association, the Humber Watch Association.

This will allow each organisation (in Hull, East Yorkshire, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire) to come together in:

- sharing good practice
- developing a collective approach to addressing issues affecting local Neighbourhood Watch Groups
- improving possible access to funding, and,
- developing long term strategies to increase wider community participation across the region.

The formation of the Humber Watch Association will help to develop more effective working with the police and for strategies to be aligned to keep communities safe and involve the public in creating safer neighbourhoods.

The Humber Watch Association will also allow the community representatives to proactively contribute to both national and local events promoting Neighbourhood Watch, encouraging both existing new schemes and

encouraging new growth. Whilst assisting each area in coordinating events during national Neighbourhood Watch week and times of the year when community safety messages are appropriate or to tackle crime trends.

The Associations short term aims are to:

- Produce / support a Humber Watch web based platform which will enable the early delivery of preventive messages especially those crimes relating to fraud and ID theft which are changing in character and increasing nationally by the day
- Provide force wide winter 2017 survival information document to support the vulnerable and reduce risk
- Bring together NHW volunteers to a networking / learning event which will be the platform to learn best practice and new ideas that can be rolled out much further afield

The grant of £4,000 is requested as a single one-off grant to enable the initial aims above to be delivered and to enable a proper start up for the Association who will seek to lever in additional grant / contributions from other organisations.

4. Options

There are three options:

- Firstly, to approve the funding request at the full amount of £4,000 for this financial year (2017/18).
- Secondly, to approve a lower amount for this financial year (2017/18).
- Thirdly, to refuse the request and provide no funding.

5. Risks

There are low level risks of increased crime and increased vulnerability to crime in not approving this funding. There may also be reputational risks for the OPCC in not approving this funding. There are no risks in approving and providing this funding as the Association is fully constituted.

6. Financial Implications

There is funding available from the Community Safety Reserve.

7. Legal Implications

There are no legal implications for approving this funding request.

8. Equalities Implications

It could be argued that the Humber Watch Association will improve community safety for local communities including people who's characteristics are protected under the Equalities Act 2010.

9. Consultation

There has been no need for wider consultation

10. Media information

There are no planned media releases but there may be positive media opportunities for the PCC should this funding request be approved.

11. Background documents

There are no background documents.

12. Publication

N/A