

# POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE *DECISION RECORD*

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## DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**Date:** 24/04/2024

**Officers present:** Siobhan Peters

**Received in OPCC Date:**

**OPCC Ref:** EXE0014-24

**Title:** Safer Streets 5 VAWG Interventions

### Summary of Issue:

In August 2023, the OPCC was given the opportunity to bid for funding from the Home Office as part of Safer Streets Round 5. There were 3 themes outlined that the home office wanted to see tackled for relevant areas which were VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls), Neighbourhood crime and ASB (Antisocial Behaviour). There was a strict time limit with less than 4 weeks to put together a comprehensive bid to apply for the funding. The amount available was just under £1 million initially across the three bids (so approximately up to £330,000.00 for each bid. There was a 50% match funding element also required meaning for whatever what bid for, we had to find approximately 50% in match funding from within our own expenditure for the themes being applied for.

The delivery period for Safer Streets 5 was to be from October 2023 to March 2025 and therefore 18 months. The first grant given from the Home Office would cover the first 6 months which is October 2023 to the end of March 2024 (6 months). The second grant will cover April 2024 to March 2025 (12 months). The VAWG bid was handled originally by the VRN and transferred to the OPCC in January 2024.

Upon applying, we were told we were successful in our bids. Planning was in place for the full period to include the recruitment of a VAWG Lead and associated co-production design and delivery work.

Our delivery plan and intended interventions were based around the full amount funding over the two-years. We were subsequently informed by the Home Office our second-year amount would be reduced however it was not clear by how much until much later. This made planning and delivery difficult until we received clear direction and information from the Home Office which only became available by the end of December 2023. At this point we were told our amount for year 2 needed to find savings of £180,000.00 across all 3 bids. This has affected the interventions from those initially planned and required us to be more economical with delivery and reduce the scope of some of interventions from originally planned.

For VAWG the reductions made are as follows:

£15,503.72	Project Officer 1/3 Contribution
£4000	Reduction to behaviour change programme
£1000	Community grants reduction of £1000

### **Key discussion points**

All aspects of the Safer Street 5 bid have been discussed in detail to reach this point. The prioritisation of certain VAWG delivery strands were agreed to maintain the integrity of the whole project and to support the LLR Partnership to deliver on the VAWG Strategy 2024 – 2027.

### **OFFICE OF PCC APPROVAL**

#### **Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer:**

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner

**Signature:**

**Name:** Kira Hughes

**Date:** 25/4/2024

### **Publication Scheme**

#### **Decision of Monitoring Officer:**

As Monitoring Officer for the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire I have determined that:

It is appropriate to publish this record of decision made by the Police and Crime Commissioner : **Yes**

It is appropriate to publish the contents of the report proposing this course of action prepared by either of the senior post holders in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire (i.e. either the Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer) : **Yes**

It is appropriate to publish details of the decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire : **Yes**

**Reasons for any non Publication (referencing appropriate legislation):** None

**Signature:**

**Name:** Claire Trewartha

**Date:** 26/5/2024

**Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire**

Having received the advice set out above and reviewed relevant documentation my decision in regard of this matter is:

**Supported**

**Signature**

**Rupert Matthews**

**Date:8/5/2024**