

# Decision Record Template



**POLICE & CRIME  
COMMISSIONER**  
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Leicestershire & Rutland  
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Date of Decision: 04/09/2024

Lead Officer: Lily Thorne

Decision Record URN: EXE0024-24

Title: **People Zones Grants Fund – Round 1 – 2024/2025**

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## Decision summary:

This decision relates to the 1<sup>st</sup> round of funding of the 2024-2025 financial year, ring fenced for People Zones.

This funding round opened on 05/07/2024 and closed on 02/08/2024.

9 applications were submitted during this time. Community Development Officers Lily Thorne and James O'Connell, as well as Community Development Lead Jessica Ball individually marked each application during the period 05/08/2024 - 08/08/2024, and then moderated their scores on 09/08/2024.

For this round, it was decided that applications scoring 60% and above would be awarded funding, providing all criteria is met.

In total, 2 applications scored 70% or above, 3 applications scored 60% or above and 4 applications scored 50% or below. Therefore, 5 applications were approved by moderators.

Upon review, the Senior Management Team approved to fund the recommended 5 bids. This equates to a funding commitment of **£36,046.41**.

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## Decision Sought:

Award Funding to:

Organisation	Project	Sum Requested
Leicester West Circuit	Men's Shed	£3,822.00
Team Hub CIC	Team Tot – Supporting Young Parents	£4,519.76
Whitwick St John Primary School	Enhancing School Sports Facilities	£7,892.00
Soft Touch Arts	Project Enable – Older Group	£9,821.00
Cobden Primary School	Cobden Community Garden	£9,835.71
	Total:	<b>£35,890.47.</b>

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## **Supporting information**

### **1) Background information**

People Zones are locations with a boundary attached, that has been identified through crime and public health data. People Zones follow an Asset Based Community Development approach, which focuses on highlighting what assets are in the area and how we can help communities to build upon and enhance them.

The hope is to empower residents and workers to work collaboratively to become a stronger, safer, and self-sustaining community. To be eligible to apply for People Zone funding, applicants must be living, working, or providing a service within a People Zone, and the project must meet one or more of the themes identified within the People Zones research report.

### **2) Detail of additional information attached.**

Please see Grant Recommendation document.

### **3) Expected benefits.**

The grant funded projects seek to support the work of the People Zones project, as well as the objectives of the Police and Crime plan through a prevention perspective.

Projects focus on reducing and preventing crime by focussing on risk factors such as mental health and wellbeing, crime and safety, antisocial behaviour, drugs and alcohol misuse, engagement with children and young people, engagement with parents, diversionary activity and signposting opportunities for support.

#### 4) Impact of not approving the application

The People Zone communities will not be able to set up new projects with our support with the view to becoming self-sustaining in twelve months' time.

#### 5) Financial implications (including any cost savings)

£36,046.41 from the allocated People Zones budget.

#### 6) Consultations (Details of any consultations that have been carried out or reason as to why no consultations has taken place):

In 2022, a community consultation was undertaken by a commissioned external provider called Mapping for Change. Data was collected from semi-structured interviews, informal conversations, online and paper surveys, workshops and focus groups. The views and opinions of residents and workers across the community have been collated into research reports, specific to each People Zone area. Through this, several key themes were identified for each area, which serve as the point of focus going forward. The People Zones Grants Fund stipulates that all projects must align with at least one key theme from their area, to ensure the projects are meeting the needs of the community.

#### 7) Collaboration (is there an opportunity to collaborate with partners)

N/A

#### 8) Equality, Diversity & Human Rights implications

All projects funded have the necessary policies in place and are available upon request.

#### 9) Legal comments

N/A

#### 10) Publication

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

It is appropriate to publish the contents of the supporting papers:

**Yes**

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

**Reasons for any non-Publication (referencing appropriate legislation):**

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act) and other legislation. Unless the information provided is covered by an exemption and stated to be either confidential or partly confidential, the information contained in the form will be published on the OPCC website.

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**Chief Finance Officer:**

**Comments: Approved**

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report and assurances sought have been outlined within the report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

**Signature:**

**Name: Kira Knott**

**Date:13/9/2024**

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**Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer:**

**Comments: Approved**

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that legal and equalities advice have been taken into account in the preparation of this report and assurances sought have been outlined in this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

**Signature**

**Name Claire Trewartha**

**Date 13/9/2024**

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**Police and Crime 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:

**Approved**

I confirm that my register of interests' declaration is up to date and that none of my interests preclude me from making this decision.

**Signature:**

**Date:14/10/2024**

**Name of Police and Crime Commissioner:**