



To: Business Coordination Board

From: Chief Executive

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SUPPORTING THE DELIVERY OF THE POLICE AND CRIME PLAN - COMMISSIONING AND GRANTS

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to transparently share the Police and Crime Commissioner's (the "Commissioner's"):

- funding awards for the financial year 2022-23 for Victim Services, Crime and Disorder Reduction and Road Safety (Casualty Reduction and Support Reserve) and small grants (the Youth Fund); and
- details of the additional funding secured in 21-22 and known funds which have been bid into in 22-23; and
- to inform the Board where they can find details of awards made in 21-22 (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (the "OPCC" website)).

2. Recommendation

2.1 The Board is recommended to note the contents of this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 Under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the Commissioner is required to produce a Police and Crime Plan (the “Plan”). The current Victim Services, Crime and Disorder Reduction, Casualty Reduction and Support Reserve and small grants awards, support the delivery of the five pillars and associated priorities set out in the Plan. A number of funding awards deliver the Commissioner or Cambridgeshire Constabulary’s (the “Constabulary”) statutory obligations.
- 3.2 The OPCC manages the arrangements for these funding awards in line with the Commissioning and Grants Strategy. This sets out how the OPCC takes a ‘commissioning approach’ for all funding allocations. The processes followed in the OPCC are subject to annual review for example the grant agreement templates used to award funding have been recently revised in line with national and local best practice and guidance. A recent Internal Audit undertaken by RSM Tenon provided ‘**substantial assurance**’ on all aspects of the commissioning and grants function. The OPCC is currently managing 53 different providers (excluding small grants).

4. Victim Services Awards

- 4.1 The responsibility for commissioning emotional and practical support sits with Police and Crime Commissioners who receive an annual grant from the Ministry of Justice (the “MoJ”). For the first time in eight years this baseline funding has been as part of a three-year funding award.
- 4.2 Cambridgeshire has a mature integrated model of victim support services, as a result the majority of 22/23 awards mirror the previous years. However, in line with 7F Financial Standing Orders the OPCC has put one service out to tender in the last year and has plans to review others within 22/23. **Victim Services Awards for 2022/23 (based on the Core Grant Award totalling £996,552) are attached at Appendix 1.**
- 4.3 The OPCC awarded an additional £193k worth of Extraordinary Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Services funding in 2021 to local community-based services. This also included significant sums, following successful bids, for increased Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVA) and

Independent Sexual Violence Advocates (ISVA) provision and £78k for therapeutic support for rape survivors. This additional funding is being replicated in 22/23 and the OPCC has run a 'Needs Assessment' and 'Bidding Process' on behalf of the MoJ for additional funding. (See also chart at 8.3 which summarises this work).

- 4.4 The Victim Services Funding Awards made in 21/22 (including additional funding referenced in 4.3 and contributions from partners) are available on the OPCC website. [The Police & Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire | Supporting victims and witnesses of crime \(cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/supporting-victims-and-witnesses-of-crime)
- 4.5 A snapshot of the outcomes achieved as a result of funding awarded in 21/22 is being developed and will be shared on the OPCC website in the coming weeks.

5. Crime and Disorder Reduction Awards

- 5.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 gives the Commissioner the power to award Crime and Disorder Reduction grants to secure or contribute to securing crime and disorder reduction in the area. This includes a number of contributions made on behalf of the constabulary for statutory partnership arrangements for the Youth Offending Service, Safeguarding Boards and the Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA). It is important to note that central government does not provide any ringfenced funding for these awards. The money comes entirely from the main police grant. Discussions are ongoing with the Constabulary to explore whether these awards should come direct from them rather than routed through the OPCC. This would transfer the responsibility for effective monitoring to the Constabulary too.
- 5.2 In response to several public consultations the Commissioner offered community safety partnerships three-year funding to enable them to build capacity to tackle local issues of crime and disorder. This approach was accompanied with the launch of a new Safer Communities Fund to enable small grants to be awarded to facilitate local solutions. **The modelled Crime and Disorder Reduction Awards for 2022/23 are attached at Appendix 2.**

5.3 The Crime and Disorder Reduction Awards made in 21/22, totalling £1,181,165 are available on the OPCC website. [The Police & Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire | Crime and Disorder Reduction \(cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/crime-and-disorder-reduction).

6. Casualty Reduction and Support Reserve (Road Safety)

6.1 This reserve was created in 2015 with excess income over expenditure generated by the collaborated Cameras, Tickets & Collision Unit. This surplus is then split out in the agreed Net Revenue Expenditure (NRE) proportion across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire & Hertfordshire. The funds can only be used on road casualty prevention, educational and partnership development activities.

6.2 The reserve is used to fund activities in line with the Vision Zero Road Safety Strategy agreed in July 2020. The strategy commits to a 'Safe Systems' approach and sets out how partners will work together to achieve Vision Zero – that no human should be killed or seriously injured as a result of a road collision.

6.3 This reserve also provides crucial funding to provide emotional and practical support to victims of serious/life changing road traffic incidents or their bereaved families. **The Casualty Reduction and Support Reserve awards for 2022/23 are attached at Appendix 3.**

6.4 The Casualty Reduction and Support Reserve awards made in 21/22, totalling £355,253, are available on the OPCC website. [The Police & Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire | The Casualty Reduction and Support Reserve \(cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/casualty-reduction-and-support-reserve)

7. Small grants: Youth Fund

7.1 The Police Property Act allows the funds raised from unclaimed and recovered property to be used for charitable work. The Commissioner reviewed the use of this fund in 21/22 and created a Youth Fund to fund organisations which provide safe spaces or activities which prevent young people from getting involved in crime. Awards are usually capped at £3,500. This new fund was launched in December 2021 and seven awards have been made. A list of

these awards is available on the OPCC website: [The Police & Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire | Funding \(cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk)

7.4 The opening balance of the fund in 2022/23 was £184,228.

8. Additional Funding opportunities

8.1 The OPCC **led or significantly supported** a number of bids for additional funding in 21/22. This brought much needed additional funding into the county totalling £1,880,175. The OPCC has ensured all appropriate governance was undertaken and completed all monitoring returns.

8.2 The OPCC is waiting for the results of two separate bids (Safer Streets 4 and DA/SV Funding) totalling **£1,465,431 for 22/23**. This does not include additional funds secured in 21/22 which have rolled over. This equates to a further **£766,661**.

8.3 The below table provides a clear summary of all additional funding secured or bid for.

Funding stream	Amount secured in 21/22	Work delivered	Confirmed additional and bid for plans for 22-23
Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Fund	£311,836	Interventions for (and support for victims): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult perpetrators of domestic abuse • Young perpetrators of child to parent/carer violence • Stalking intervention 	The Home Office has offered 'as is' £311,836 funding. A new Delivery Proposal was submitted in April 2022.

Safer Streets 2	£430,000	Environmental and physical improvements in three LSOAs in Peterborough	The bid for Safer Streets 4 will build on all of this work.
Safer Streets 3	£471,314	VAWG prevention and enforcement activities including Op Armour and a Behavioural Change Campaign	It was submitted earlier this month with nine delivery partners and £634,285 bid value over 15 months.
ISVA/IDVA Fund	£396,011	Funding secured for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven ISVAs • Five IDVAs 	Funding for all of these posts is secure until March 2025. This equates to £454,825 . A further bid has just been submitted for seven extra staff worth £174,137 in Year 1.
Community based domestic abuse and sexual violence support	£193,014 & £78,000	The OPCC successfully bid for funding for eight services to enhance emotional and practical support services in the county. Extra funds was secured for therapeutic services.	A further bid-for process has just completed with 17 separate bids (worth £657,009). The OPCC is expecting some success but not to the total value of the bid and will know in early June.
Totals	£1,880,175		Secured already £766,661 Bids in for £1,4654,31

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