



**To:** Business Coordination Board

**From:** Chief Executive

**Date:** 21 September 2017

### **Cambs Historic Churches Trust appeal**

#### **1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Business Coordination Board (“the Board”) to consider a request for a grant of £10,000 from the Bishop of Huntingdon as a contribution to the Cambs Historic Churches Trust appeal to support alarm installations on church lead roofs in the county.

#### **2. Recommendation**

2.1 The Board is recommended to award a grant of £10,000 to the Cambs Historic Churches Trust.

#### **3. Request of contribution to the Cambs Historic Churches Trust**

3.1 A request has come in from the Bishop of Huntingdon for the Police and Crime Commissioner to make a contribution to the alarms appeal of the Cambs Historic Churches Trust. The purpose of this is to install specialist alarms on lead roofs of churches to prevent the vandalism and stealing of the lead.

3.2 The constabulary has confirmed that operations have taken place in the past to combat these crimes but that this is still an on-going issue being dealt with by Rural Crime Action Team (RCAT) with three churches in the county being the subject of incidences in the last quarter.

3.3 RCAT has made many visits to churches across Cambs to raise awareness and offer appropriate advice to target harden with support from Corporate Communications. They have found appropriate roof alarms fitted to churches and well-advertised are a very good deterrent in preventing attack or stopping offenders taking the lead.

3.4 The Norfolk PCC has recently launched a similar initiative with a donation to a 'Raise the Alarm' campaign of £100,000.

3.5 Within the Crime and Disorder Crime Reduction Fund Grant that is an unallocated £15,000 for emerging projects and the £10,000 contribution can be funded from here.

**4. Recommendation**

5.1 The Board is recommended to award a grant of £10,000 to Cambs Historic Churches Trust appeal to support alarm installations on church lead roofs in the county.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY**

<b>Source Document(s)</b>	
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