



<b>DECISION: 2016-52</b>	<b>DATE: 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2017</b>
<b>TITLE: THE FOXTON CENTRE</b>	
<b>REPORT BY: LOUISE FAIRCLOUGH</b> <b>CRIME, REOFFENDING AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE LEAD</b>	

### **Executive Summary**

The Commissioner has a statutory duty to publish a Police and Crime Plan which sets out the priorities for Lancashire. The Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan 2016-2021 outlines the following priorities:

1. Protect local policing
2. Tackling crime and reoffending
3. Supporting vulnerable people and victims
4. Developing safe and confident communities

The Commissioner has supported numerous initiatives to help tackle crime and reoffending. For example allocating monies to the three top tier authorities annually towards substance misuse services specifically for peer support and mentoring or abstinence based programmes.

The Foxton Centre works with people of all ages through various projects. A Community Café that offers support and social opportunities for vulnerable people through workers, students and volunteers, a project dedicated to working with street sex workers within the Preston area whilst also offering separate youth clubs targeting young people at the risk of offending.

This decision seeks to confirm the allocation of £8,500 from the Crime & Reoffending Budget for the project outlined in Appendix A.

### **Recommendations**

The Commissioner is recommended to approve the use of £8,500 from the Crime & Reoffending budget to support the Youthlink project as outlined in Appendix A.

Signature Clive Cusshaw

Police and Crime Commissioner

Date 6 March 2017

**1. Background and Advice**

The Foxton Centre which is located in Preston City Centre opens its doors to young people from low income or unemployed families who cannot afford to engage in extracurricular activities. Challenging circumstances faced by the young people include substance misuse by parents and siblings and their involvement with the criminal justice system. This can lead to young people feeling pressured into gang related activity, violence or anti-social behaviour.

The Foxton Centre will deliver the Youthlink project which offers young people with new opportunities through a range of activities. £8,500 will part fund a 'Youth Worker' post with match funding coming from the Rank Foundation.

Activities run daily through the evenings as well as planned experiences over weekends and school holiday schemes. The Foxton Centre offers a range of activities from sports and drama to cooking and educational projects focusing on topics such as drugs, bullying and relationships.

The dedicated Youth Worker will also be available to deliver one to one sessions with young people offering emotional support as well as assisting them to pursue education and careers.

**2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan**

The allocation of this funding demonstrates the Commissioner's commitment to supporting projects which help deliver the objectives set out in the Police and Crime Plan.

The Youth Worker will work with vulnerable young people who are at the risk of offending or already involved in the criminal justice system through the Youthlink project which will be delivered in two of Preston's wards which are associated with gang related activity, substance misuse and anti-social behaviour.

**3. Consultation****4. Implications****a. Legal**

None to consider.

**b. Financial**

To approve the use of £8,500 from the Crime and Reoffending budget.

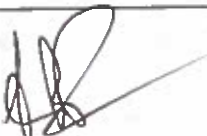
**c. Equality considerations**

None to consider.

**5. Background Papers****6. Public access to information**

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Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PCC website within 3 working days of approval. Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate Part 2 form.

Officer declaration	Date
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above	
CONSULTATION – As above	
<p><b>Director to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Monitoring Officer)</b></p> <p>I have been informed about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities 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 for Lancashire.</p> <p>Signature.....Date.....</p>	

## **PART II**

### **Restricted Information**

