



**Lancashire
Constabulary**

police and communities together

DECISION 2017 – 19

DATE: 1 SEPTEMBER 2017

TITLE: MODERN SLAVERY PROJECT WORK

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Executive Summary

1. The Police and Crime Commissioner supports Serious & Organised Crime and the 4 x P approach – Prevent, Prepare, Pursue and Protect in particular around the Modern Slavery
2. In recognising Lancashire Constabulary's commitment and in addition to the PCC funded posts in respect of 1 x police sergeant and 1 x police staff co-ordinator complimenting the Constabulary's own dedicated resources there is a planned project to ensure these resources are fit for purpose and equipped to deal with the next steps.
3. A piece of work is planned to consider our existing resources, what a centralised team should consist of, together with setting up a network of appropriate agencies recommended by the Independent Anti Slavery Commission. In addition to considering consistency of intelligence gathering and ongoing training.

Recommendation

That the Police and Crime Commissioner consider and approve this short term project to enhance the Constabulary's capability and partnership approach.

Signature

Police and Crime Commissioner

Date

12th September 2017

1. Background and Advice

Modern Slavery has a national profile with the Government pledging support and commitment into tackling and support. The Police and Crime Commissioner in supporting the need funded a sergeant and a co-ordinator approximately 18 months ago. Originally the sergeant was based in East as there had been a number incidents resulting in a number of arrests. More recently it has been recognised by the other Basic Command Units to resource this function and as a result a consistent proactive approach is sought moving the PCC paid role into the centre to provide a framework for the operational teams. In addition information recommended from the Independent Anti Slavery Commission supporting the introduction of valuable Modern Slavery Networks which involve local authorities, faith groups and third sector agencies is an area the Constabulary need to set up.

It has been identified that a small piece of work be carried out to build on the progress the Constabulary has made by identifying what resources the Constabulary has in existence and provide a futureproof framework for operating within. This piece of work can also support the aim for consistent intelligence gathering across the partners and the setting up of the MS network which is already in place in West Yorkshire and East Midlands. What is evident is that given the scale and complexity of the issues the scoping and establishing of a formal network spanning across all agencies will be of great benefit.

It is felt that this piece of work can be conducted by a part time individual who understands the subject and the partners and can be completed in a few months. The individual will work to the Head of Public Protection who will manage and direct the relevant support and provide appropriate evaluation of the work conducted.

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

The Police and Crime Plan sets out the Commissioner's objectives in 4 specific priorities this piece of work predominantly sits with priority 2 – Tackling Crime and Re-offending, 3 – Supporting Vulnerable People and Victims and arguably 4 – Developing Safe and Confident Communities

3. Consultation

N/A

4. Implications

a. Legal

b. Financial

The proposed allocation of funding is contained in the Reducing Reoffending Budget. This grant applications is compliant with the PCC's commissioning framework.

c. Equality considerations

It is not consider that the contents of this proposal and the subsequent delivery of service proposed will disproportionately affect any protected characteristics as defined in the Equality Act 2010.


5. Background Papers

None

6. Public access to information

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation.

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	
Director to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Monitoring Officer) 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. Signature.....  Date 12.9.2017.	

