



**Lancashire
Constabulary**

police and communities together

DECISION 2017 – 22

DATE: 13 SEPTEMBER 2017

TITLE: INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF THE REDUCING REOFFENDING BOARD

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Executive Summary

1. The Police and Crime Commissioner has 4 key priorities. Priority 2 is Tackling Crime and re-offending.
2. The office is represented at the Strategic Reducing Re-Offending Board which is a partnership attended meeting and reports in to the wider meeting of Lancashire Criminal Justice Board (LCJB) and an intrinsic link to Early Action.
3. Following a recent peer review of CRC/NPS and police approaches to reducing re-offending a redesign of the functionality of this group took place and an indication the introduction of an independent chair for the local/divisional boards would be a welcome insight into a greater contribution to the overall Strategic Board.
4. This paper seeks to consider a small payment in addition to the expenses to attract suitable applicants which is thought to be approx. £7500 + expenses for up to 30 days work
5. Applications for funding in respect of Tackling Crime and Reducing Re-offending could also be considered by the local boards and an evidenced based view provided for onward decision by the PCC.

Recommendation

That the Police and Crime Commissioner consider and approve the funding of this role – initially for a 12 month period prior to review and consideration of future funding being shared amongst the key partners attending the Strategic Board

Signature

Police and Crime Commissioner

Date

14th September 2017

1. Background and Advice

Early in 2017 a peer review took place in respect of the Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC), National Probation Service (NPS) and the Lancashire Constabulary and the approach taken in respect of reducing re-offending approaches. A workshop took place with one of the peer reviewers and a number of recommendations were taken forward. A new strategy was devised and membership of the Strategic Group refreshed. A review into the Constabulary's offender management is in the process of being conducted.

In recognition that the current local boards operate in East, West and South are chaired by a member CRC at present it has been felt that a further board should be established to cater for the demands of Lancaster and Morecambe who at present fit within West but do not have sufficient resources to capture the needs in addition to the requirements of Blackpool and Fylde etc.

The role of Independent Chair is being considered due to the successes of other Independent Chairs eg Safeguarding (Adults and Children). It is felt that if this role were to be appointed an independent fresh view could be considered for the existing three local boards, set up a fourth and play an instrumental part in the Strategic Board.

Applications for funding under the Priority 2 – Tackling Crime and Re-offending could be considered at the local boards and an evidenced led approach provided and a recognition of locally where this would make a difference. Further discussion and a recommendation for funding would then be given at the Strategic Board.

There is a real opportunity for branding and promoting within the local communities such schemes that would make a difference and provide confidence and reassurance to residents etc.

A previous advert did not result in any successful applicants thought to be because the role was expenses only and as a result a further advert would be based on payment for each attendance with expenses as outlined below.

Expectation

£250 per day x (up to) 30 days per year (4 x local boards meeting quarterly in addition to attendance at the quarterly Strategic Board and relevant preparatory work or ad hoc meetings) = £7500 + travelling expenses. The full amount is not thought to exceed £10k.

This amount is for one year only as an evaluation would then take place and it is expected and supported by the Strategic Board that once this definitive amount is confirmed that this would be contributed to by the main stakeholders of the Constabulary CRC and NPS for future years.

Prior to any advertisement of the role full terms and conditions and expectations will be clarified.

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, 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 application 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

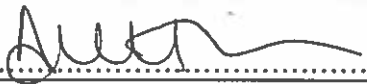
6. Public access to information

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.....