# POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE

| DECISION 2018-47 | DATE: 7 February 2019 |
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| TITLE: MEAM FUNDING BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN | |
| REPORT BY: LOUISE FAIRCLOUGH<br>A/DEPUTY DIRECTOR | |

**Executive Summary**

1. The Commissioner's revenue budget for 2018-19 includes an allocation of £20k for funding initiatives in relation to Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM).

2. There are two National MEAM approaches operating within Lancashire on at Preston and one in Blackburn. This particular scheme relates to the Blackburn scheme and is linked to the extend the reach into the Burnley area

3. This particular project and funding applied for will support the extension in working hours to an existing session worker employed by Child Action North West and the management support around these extra sessions

4. This Decision seeks to confirm the allocation of £20k from the MEAM budget to endorse this funding to support the PCC Priorities in respect of Tackling Crime, Reoffending and Criminal Justice.

**Recommendations**

The Commissioner is recommended to approve the proposed use of the MEAM budget as outlined in Appendix A

Signature Clive Grunshaw

Police and Crime Commissioner

Date 11th February 2019.

**PART I**

**1. Background and Advice**

The OPCC has provided funding to council's operating a MEAM approach for many years. In 2018 Preston became the second area to operate the Nationally run MEAM scheme. Blackburn with Dawen have been operating one for a number of years and more recently have wanted to stretch the reach of their support and engagement into the Burnley area .

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

The work of MEAM is very clearly linked to all the priorities of the Police and Crime Plan.

**3. Consultation**

N/A

**4. Implications**

**a. Legal**

None to consider.

**b. Financial**

Contained in the report.

**c. Equality considerations**

As part of Force policy.

**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.

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| Officer declaration | Date |
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| **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.....11/21/19.....

**Appendix A**

Approval is sought from the Police and Crime Commissioner to consider supporting the application from Blackburn with Darwen Council for £20k to fund the continued MEAM approach which has run for a number of years.

The Scheme meets all four priorities outlined in the Police and Crime Commissioner by encouraging engagement in support services and enforcement solutions for those who often commit crime and reoffending, have complex needs linked to drink, drugs and social inclusion.

By individuals engaging in these schemes there will be less incidents for officers to need to be deployed.

Vulnerable young people and adults will be encouraged to engage and re-engage with services to promote better outcomes, engagement on MEAM will lead to access to vital support to reduce risk harm and vulnerability.

Opportunities for housing and successful integration into the community will also become more meaningful dialogue with individuals and communities.

The MEAM project receiving additional funding from the OPCC will aim to bring about reductions in the following

- Offending behaviour
- Levels of chaos
- Homelessness
- Anti social behaviour
- Substance misuse

Expected outcomes would be :

- Reduction in offending
- Reduction in acquisitive crime
- Reduction in A & E admissions
- Increase in engagement with specialist support services
- Increase in the moves to appropriate accommodation

East Lancashire MEAM will seek to replicate the national model to replicate and enhance the working model to reduce crime, reoffending, tackle social exclusion and increase the understanding of roles and responsibilities within partnership working.

The funding request for £20k will support existing teams with the provision of extra hours for sessional work and increase capacity from 12 hours a week to 36 hours. This will in turn result in extensions to job tasks and areas reached to support the individuals

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