



**REPORT TO:** POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR  
LANCASHIRE

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**DATE:** FRIDAY 27 MAY 2016

**TITLE:** COMMUNITY ACTION FUND 2016-2017

Appendix A refers

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Commissioner has been operating the Community Action Fund since 2013, providing small grants (up to £2500) for local community groups and charities. The fund was initially set at £50,000 and then increased in 2015/16 to £75,000. However a total of £97,500 was allocated in 2015/16 with the additional funding being drawn from the Commissioner's Community Safety Fund.

Use of the Fund has been reviewed to assess the value of increasing the maximum level of funding from £2500 to £3000. Results of a 25% dip sample of applications received in 2015/16 indicated that:

- 60% requested less than the £2500 maximum and less than the full cost of the project
- 22% requested the full amount of £2500 where the project cost more than £2500
- 18% requested the full cost of the project where this was less than £2500

Details of how the funding since 2013 has supported the Commissioner's Priorities and where funding has been allocated in Lancashire are contained in Appendix A.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Commissioner re-launches the Community Action Fund for 2016/17 with the same terms and conditions as in 2015/16 and that there is no change in the level of funding offered. That the Commissioner publishes a grant fund of £75,000 for the Community Action Fund 2016/17.

**Decision taken by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire:**

<b>Original decision, as set out in the attached report, approved without amendment</b> (please delete as appropriate)	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
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**Original decision required to be amended and decision as detailed below:**

**The reasons for the amended decision are as detailed below:**


**Police and Crime Commissioner: Comments**


**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The PCC is asked to consider any personal / prejudicial interests he may have to disclose in relation to the matter under consideration in accordance with the law, the Nolan Principles and the Code of Conduct.

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation.

<b>Signed:</b>  <b>Police and Crime Commissioner</b> <b>Date:</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> may 2016	<b>Signed:</b>  <b>Chief Officer:</b> <b>Date:</b> 27/5/16
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**Signed:**   
**Chief Constable**  
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**Date:** ~~31.5.2016~~ 31.5.2016

**Signed:**  
**Chief Finance Officer:**  
**Date:**

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## COMMUNITY ACTION FUND

The Community Action Fund aims to deliver small grants to community groups, in order to help residents and volunteers deliver projects which will enhance their local area, make it safer, and help achieve the Police and Crime Commissioner's key priorities.

- Out of 122 applications received, 34 were approved totalling £46,655 being allocated in 2013-14.
- Out of 89 application received, 31 were approved totalling £50,684 being allocated in 2014-15.
- Out of 89 applications received, 51 were approved totalling £97,562.57 being allocated in 2015-16.

### GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN

(Please note projects may be delivered across districts)

2013-14	
Area	Number of applications approved
Blackpool	2
Blackburn	3
Burnley	3
Chorley	1
South Ribble	2
Fylde	2
Hyndburn	1
Lancaster	1
Pendle	1
Preston	9
Rosendale	1
Ribble Valley	2
West Lancashire	2
Wyre	1
Pan-Lancashire	3

2014-15	
Area	Number of applications approved
Blackpool	4
Blackburn	5
Burnley	2
Chorley	1
South Ribble	0
Fylde	2
Hyndburn	1
Lancaster	1
Pendle	1
Preston	10
Rosendale	1
Ribble Valley	1
West Lancashire	3
Wyre	1

2015-16	
Area	Number of applications approved
Blackpool	4
Blackburn	9
Burnley	2
Chorley	1
South Ribble	2
Fylde	7
Hyndburn	4
Lancaster	3
Pendle	4
Preston	11
Rosendale	2
Ribble Valley	2
West Lancashire	3
Wyre	2
Pan-Lancashire	1

## 2016-03 Appendix A

### PRIORITY BREAKDOWN

(Please note projects may support more than one priority)

2013-14	
Targeted local initiatives to tackle crime, re-offending and ASB	23
Protect vulnerable people	7
Champion the rights of victims	4

2014-15	
Targeted local initiatives to tackle crime, re-offending and ASB	26
Protect vulnerable people	12
Champion the rights of victims	3

2015-16	
Targeted local initiatives to tackle crime, re-offending and ASB	42
Protect vulnerable people	17
Champion the rights of victims	4

Taking into account the number of applications approved, as indicated at the top of this report, an average of 60% of these were for "targeted local initiatives to tackle crime re-offending and ASB", including a number of diversionary type activities for young people.

On average 40% of approved applications have been for initiatives that support the priorities of "protecting vulnerable people" or "supporting victims".