



DECISION PAPER

DECISION: 20/2020	DATE: 12TH OCTOBER 2020
TITLE: HOME OFFICE FUNDING BID-ACCEPTANCE OF SAFER STREETS MONIES.	
REPORT BY: B.BISCOMB, PROCUREMENT AND COMMISSIONING LEAD	

Executive Summary

The PCC has been successful in securing funding to support two Safer Streets projects in Lancashire.

Recommendation

The Police and Crime Commissioner is asked to note and accept the funding from the Home Office, in respect of the funding for two Safer Streets projects in Lancashire.

Signature

Police and Crime Commissioner

Date 9th November 2020

PART II

1. Background and Advice

- 1.1.** The Safer Streets Fund is a £25m fund, which was made available earlier this year to PCCs in England and Wales to cover the period 1/6/20 to 31/3/21.
- 1.2.** PCCs were asked to work with partners, to design and deliver local crime prevention plans with the outcome of reducing acquisitive crimes through situational prevention.
- 1.3.** The objectives of the fund were to:
 - Reduce acquisitive crime in areas that receive funding – making residents safer and reducing demand on the police to focus on more complex crimes
 - Build evidence about the impact of targeted investment in situational prevention in high crime areas to strengthen the case for future investment, both at a local and national level
 - Grow local capability to undertake data driven problem solving and capture evidence and practical learning about how best to implement situational interventions to prevent crime
- 1.4.** PCCs were able to submit up to three prioritised bids, each for a defined local area within their PCC geography. The defined local area must be persistently and disproportionately affected by acquisitive crime, with up to £550k grant funding being available per successful bid.
- 1.5.** PCC's had to choose a population size that was sufficiently targeted to enable them to make a significant impact on acquisitive crime within their selected area, whilst still being a sufficient size to justify the amount of funding that is bid for. Areas should generally be between 500 and 3,500 households (or 1,000 to 9,000 residents), which corresponds approximately to between one and three Lower Super Output Areas.
- 1.6.** Following publication of the Safer Streets Prospectus, the OPCC consulted with the Constabulary in order to better assess areas of high acquisitive crime within Lancashire and to ensure that any such areas met the strict criteria laid out in the bid documentation.
- 1.7.** Following meetings with the Constabulary, two geographic areas of high acquisitive crime were apparent, namely,
 - Burnley, Rosehill-Burnley Wood, and
 - West Lancashire-Birch Green.
- 1.8.** On 3rd March 2020 a meeting was convened between the OPCC, Lancashire Constabulary and the respective local authority Community Safety Managers.

- 1.9. The meeting discussed the proposals around the two schemes and sought approval from the various organisations in order to move forward with the bid applications.
- 1.10. Following this meeting the OPCC submitted two bids for Safer Streets funding, namely:
 - Primary bid of £549,510.00 in respect of Burnley, and
 - Secondary bid of £197,500 in respect of West Lancashire.
- 1.11. Following these applications, the OPCC were informed by the Home Office, that we had been successful in respect of both bid applications, and on 7th October 2020, Grant Agreements in respect of both projects were formally agreed between the Home Office and the OPCC.
- 1.12. Work in respect of both projects has now commenced in line with the Grant Agreements, and commitment has been sought from both local authorities that the works will be concluded by 31st March 2021.
- 1.13. The Police and Crime Commissioner is asked to note and accept the above funding which will be claimed quarterly in arrears, following completion of grant returns by the respective local authorities.

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

- 2.1. The Safer Streets funding will directly support victims and vulnerable people in Burnley and West Lancashire, by reducing acquisitive crime and improving the quality of life experienced by residents in both areas.

3. Consultations

- 3.1. Consultation has taken place between the OPCC, Lancashire Constabulary, Burnley Borough Council, West Lancashire District Council and the Home Office.

4. Implications:

- a. **Legal** - The funding is subject to Home Office Grant Agreement conditions, and has been signed off by the Chief Finance Officer. Grant monitoring will be ongoing until completion on 31st March 2021.
- b. **Financial** -The amounts of £197,500.00 (West Lancashire), and £549,510.00 (Burnley) have been secured in line with the Home Office application process in respect of Safer Streets funding, in order to assist in reducing acquisitive crime rates in those areas.
- c. **Equality Impact Assessment**- No equality issues have been identified.

d. Data Protection Impact Assessment - No data protection issues have been identified.

5. Risk Management

5.1. No significant risks have been identified, and cognisance has been taken of supplier provision in respect of delays due to Covid.

6. Background Papers-

6.1. Bid application documents and Grant Agreements are all held electronically on record.

7. Public access to information

7.1. 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	 24/11/2020
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 25th November 2020	