



RECOMMENDATION REPORT

DECISION: 2024/40	DATE: 05/03/2024
TITLE: PREMIER LEAGUE POLICE PARTNERSHIPS PILOT	
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Executive Summary <p>In November 2024 the Premier League Charitable Fund launched their Police Partnerships Pilot 2024/2025 Fund.</p> <p>The aim of the pilot is to encourage football community organisations to work in partnership with the police and improve engagement at a local level. A requirement of the fund was for local trusts to secure pound for pound match funding from their local Police and Crime Commissioner / Police Force.</p> <p>The OPCC & Lancashire Violence Reduction Network (LVRN) alongside the ASB, Prevention and Problem-Solving command worked with the nine trusts to apply to the fund for a Lancashire wide prevention offer totaling £360,000.</p> <p>Following evaluation, the Premier League Charitable Fund pledged £102,000 towards a Lancashire wide prevention programme, requiring £102,000 match from the Commissioner.</p> <p>The Lancashire Violence Reduction Network have committed £78,000 towards the project.</p> <p>The Commissioner is recommended to provide an additional £78,000 (above the £102,000 committed match) totalling £180,000 to ensure every area of Lancashire benefits from a prevention offer.</p>	
Recommendation <p>The Commissioner is asked to approve the allocation of £180,000 to support the Premier League Charitable Fund Police Partnerships Pilot.</p>	

PART I

1. Background and Advice

In November 2024 the Premier League Charitable Fund launched their Police Partnerships Pilot 2024/2025 fund (£350k pot)

The aim of the pilot is to encourage football community organisations to work in partnership with the police and improve engagement at a local level.

A requirement of the fund was for local trusts to secure pound for pound match funding from their local Police and Crime Commissioner / Police Force.

Lancashire already have strong working relationships with Lancashire's nine football associations through the Violence Reduction Network Champions programme.

Champions is an innovative programme supporting young people, aged 10-25 with experience of or at risk of offending behaviours. Champion mentors create trusted relationships with young people to promote personal development, wellbeing gains and consequently reducing their experience of offending and antisocial behaviour.

The Champions programme has proven effective through an independent evaluation

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2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

The prevention programme supports the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan priorities Tackle Crime & Anti-Social Behavior and Get Tough on Serious Violence, particularly:

- "I will support local diversionary projects."
- "I will support intervention programmes helping young people at risk of offending behaviour."

3. Consultations

N/A

4. Implications:

a. Legal

None to Consider.

b. Financial

The £180,000 will be met from the Commissioner's budget.

c. Equality Impact Assessment

Equality data is currently gathered for all applications.

d. Data Protection Impact Assessment

There are no direct Data protection implications in the making of this decision

5 Risk Management

None

7. Public access to information

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Officer declaration	Date
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above	
CONSULTATION – As above	
Author	
Signature Beth Willmott	Date 05/03/2025
Sponsor	
I have read the above report and confirm this is factually correct.	
Signature Steff Hull	Date 05/03/2025
Section 151 Officer for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	
I have read the above report and have considered the financial implications. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate (financial) request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.	
Signature Steve Freeman	Date 05/03/2025
Chief Executive (Monitoring Officer) for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire	
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 Anna Hopkins	Date 11/03/2025