



## RECOMMENDATION REPORT

<b>DECISION: 36/2025</b>	<b>DATE: 10/09/2025</b>
<b>TITLE: MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FUND</b>	
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<b>SPONSOR: REBECCA KEECH</b>	
<b>Executive Summary</b> The Commissioner has provided funding for the provision of grants to enable activity that supports the delivery of his Police and Crime Plan.  The Member of Parliament Fund provides grants of up to £50,000 to deliver activity that will address one or more of the Police and Crime Plan priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls</li><li>• Tackle Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour</li><li>• Get Tough on Serious Violent Crime</li><li>• Rebuild Trust and Confidence in Policing</li></ul> This activity must also address one or more of the local area's strategic priorities.  The Police and Crime Commissioner received an application from Rossendale and Darwen's MP.	
<b>Recommendation</b> The Police and Crime Commissioner is asked to approve the allocation of £3,000 to Rossendale and Darwen MP's sponsored project with <b>More in the Room CIC</b> to deliver the <b>Women's Safer Running</b> project.	

## PART I

### 1. Background and Advice

The PCC recently launched a dedicated funding round to allow each of Lancashire's 16 MPs the opportunity to apply for funding to support community safety initiatives within their constituencies. They can propose schemes for consideration by the Commissioner through the application process, with a total funding cap of £50,000 per MP.

**Andy MacNae, MP for Rossendale and Darwen** has submitted an application in support of the **Women's Safer Running Project** led by **More in the Room CIC**. This project aims to address the safety concerns of women and girls when running outdoors, particularly during darker months. It responds to national and local data showing high levels of anxiety, harassment, and reduced participation in physical activity due to safety fears. The initiative will create safer spaces for women to run, improve wellbeing, and reduce social isolation.

The application requests **£3,000** as a grant contribution to provide weekly women-only running groups at four key venues, Run Leader training for local female volunteers, the provision of safety equipment (e.g. head torches, high-vis vests, whistles), community safety workshops with police and women's organisations and targeted outreach to underrepresented groups (e.g. Muslim and refugee communities, young women at Haslingden High School). The total project cost is **£15,000**.

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

Tackle Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour  
Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls

### 3. Consultations

Problem Orientated Policing Command.  
Community Safety Partnership

### 4. Implications:

#### a. Legal

Funding to be issued directly to More in the Room CIC on a Grant Agreement.

#### b. Financial

£3,000 to be allocated – utilising funding allocated by the PCC to the MP Fund.

#### c. Equality Impact Assessment

Subject to the Equality Impact Assessment across all community funding.

#### d. Data Protection Assessment

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

### 5 Risk Management

Subject to Community Fund Risk Management matrix.

## **6. Background Papers**

Appendix A – Overview of project.

## **7. Public access to information**

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<b>Officer declaration</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above</b>	
<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above</b>	
<b>EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above</b>	
<b>CONSULTATION – As above</b>	
<b>Author</b>  Signature: Beth Willmott	Date: 10/09/2025
<b>Sponsor</b>  I have read the above report and confirm this is factually correct.  Signature: Rebecca Keech	Date: 16/09/2025
<b>Section 151 Officer for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner</b>  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: 16/09/2025
<b>Chief Executive (Monitoring Officer) for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire</b>  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: 21/10/2025