



## RECOMMENDATION REPORT

<b>DECISION: 37/2025</b>	<b>DATE: 10/09/2025</b>
<b>TITLE: MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FUND</b>	
<b>AUTHOR: BETH WILLMOTT</b>	
<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 Hyndburn and Haslingden's MP.	
<b>Recommendation</b> The Police and Crime Commissioner is asked to approve the allocation of £7,000 to Hyndburn and Haslingden MP's sponsored project with <b>More in the Room CIC</b> to deliver the <b>Hyndburn Women's Safer Running Project</b> .	

## **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.

**Sarah Smith, MP for Hyndburn and Haslingden** has submitted an application in support of the Hyndburn Women's Safer Running Project led by More in the Room CIC. The project aims to address safety concerns faced by women and girls when running outdoors, particularly in the evenings. It responds to national data and local feedback indicating 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 **£7,000** as a grant contribution to this.

### **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**

£7,000 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**

*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.*

<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: 11/09/2025
<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