



RECOMMENDATION REPORT

DECISION: 51/2025	DATE: 16/10/2025
TITLE: MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FUND	
AUTHOR: BETH WILLMOTT	
SPONSOR: REBECCA KEECH	
Executive Summary 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">• Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls• Tackle Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour• Get Tough on Serious Violent Crime• Rebuild Trust and Confidence in Policing 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.	
Recommendation The Police and Crime Commissioner is asked to approve the allocation of £12,510 to Hyndburn and Haslingden MP's sponsored project with Brave Church to deliver the Hidden Light 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.

Sarah Smith, MP for Hyndburn and Haslingden has submitted an application in support of the **Hidden Light Project** led by **Brave Church**. Hidden Light is a youth-focused intervention targeting individuals aged 14–25 who are at risk of offending, have a history of anti-social behaviour, or are vulnerable to exploitation. The project aims to reduce crime and improve emotional wellbeing through mentoring, workshops, and awareness campaigns delivered in a safe, informal setting. The application requests **£16,510** 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 Brave Church on a Grant Agreement.

b. Financial

£16,510 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.

Officer declaration	Date
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above	
CONSULTATION – As above	
Author Signature: Beth Willmott	Date: 24/11/25
Sponsor I have read the above report and confirm this is factually correct. Signature: Rebecca Keech	Date: 24/11/25
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: 24/11/25
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: 24/11/25