



## RECOMMENDATION REPORT

<b>DECISION: 73/2025</b>	<b>DATE: 03/02/2026</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> As well as this activity must address one or more of the local area's strategic priorities.  The Police and Crime Commissioner received an application from Southport MP.	
<b>Recommendation</b> The Police and Crime Commissioner is asked to approve the allocation of £15,000 to Southport MP's sponsored project with <b>BANKS COMMUNITY AND LEISURE CENTRE C.I.C.</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.

The project aims to **restore confidence, safety, and community cohesion** following the trauma and community fear resulting from the 2024 Southport dance class attack. Many young people and women have experienced heightened anxiety, reluctance to socialise, and reduced confidence in accessing local facilities.

The project intends to:

- Provide a **secure, reassuring environment** through improved building protection measures.
- Reduce fear and anxiety among **young people and women**, who have been particularly affected.
- Ensure the Hub remains a **safe, trusted space** for social, educational, and recreational use.
- Build **resilience, confidence, and personal safety awareness** through structured self-defence training.

Patrick Hurley requests £15,000 as a grant contribution to support the **Stay Safe** project delivered by **BANKS COMMUNITY AND LEISURE CENTRE C.I.C.**

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

Tackle Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour  
Rebuild Public Trust and Confidence

### 3. Consultations

Community Safety Partnership  
Problem Orientated Policing Command.

### 4. Implications:

#### a. Legal

Funding to be issued directly to **BANKS COMMUNITY AND LEISURE CENTRE C.I.C** on a Grant Agreement.

#### b. Financial

£15,000 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 <span style="float: right;">Date: 09/02/26</span>	
<b>Sponsor</b> I have read the above report and confirm this is factually correct. Signature: Rebecca Keech <span style="float: right;">Date: 10/02/26</span>	
<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 <span style="float: right;">Date: 10/02/26</span>	
<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 <span style="float: right;">Date: 23/02/26</span>	