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Application No 01

Organisation:	Morecambe and Lunesdale MP
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Project Brief:

Project Name: Morecambe BID Warden
Constituency: Morecambe and Lunesdale
Funding Requested: £23,910
Total Project Cost: £45,000
Project Duration: 1 Year
Start Date: 23rd February 2026
Location: Morecambe (BID Area)

Project Aim:

To pilot a visible BID Warden to support police activity, reduce ASB, gather intelligence, provide capable guardianship, and address low-level VAWG-related behaviours while enhancing community reassurance within the BID area.

Key Interventions:

- Deployment of a BID Warden to work alongside police and Op Centurion resources.
- Community engagement and signposting to support services.
- Intelligence gathering and information sharing with police to enhance targeting of ASB.
- Visible guardianship, including radio connection with local businesses.
- Support for tackling precursor behaviours related to VAWG.

Partners & Roles:

Safe Morecambe Partnership – oversees project.

Morecambe BID CIC – holds contract and funding; manages day-to-day tasking and oversight.

Lancashire Police – receives intelligence; aligns Warden activity with policing operations.

Local Authorities / CSP – provide administrative and policy support; help design and equip Warden role.

Security Company – supplies Warden on a sessional basis.

Expected Outcomes:

Reduced ASB and improved safety in the town centre.

Increased community reassurance through visible presence.

Improved intelligence flow to police and more effective coordination.

Support for CHB policing model and early intervention on VAWG-related behaviours.

Stronger evidence base to secure future funding.

	<p>Evaluation & Success Measures: Monitoring through Safe Morecambe partnership arrangements. Warden logs and activity reporting. Police crime/ASB statistics. Evidence of effective coordination with police and business community. Assessment of pilot effectiveness to support longer-term funding proposals</p> <p>PCC Funding Request: The project requests a contribution from the remaining MP's fund allocation (£23,910) to support delivery of the BID Warden pilot. This funding will supplement partner inputs and enable full implementation of the model. The request contributes towards the following costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warden Hire Costs: Hourly hire rate + VAT – £36,000 • Policy Support: CSP lead (hourly rate) – £5,000 • Management of Warden: BID executive (hourly rate) – £7,000 <p>The total project cost is estimated at £45,000–£50,000, funded through a combination of PCC/MP contributions, Local Authority support (pending), and confirmed in-kind contributions from CSP and Morecambe BID.</p> <p>Funding breakdown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCC/MP fund contribution • Local Authority funding (£12,000 pending; contingency plan includes reducing allocated hours) • CSP in-kind support (£5,000) • BID in-kind management (£7,000) • Remaining Warden hire and delivery costs completing the £45–£50k overall project budget
<p>Additional Information:</p>	<p>The applicant provides police data showing 1,771 incidents in the area over the past 12 months, including 827 ASB incidents and 203 thefts, to evidence the need for the project. Although VAWG-specific data is not recorded, they state the warden would provide early support and reassurance for women at risk.</p> <p>They describe the proposal as a proof-of-concept pilot, intended to demonstrate value and secure longer-term funding via the BID and local partners. Patrol priorities will be set by the Safe Morecambe partnership group, with day-to-day deployment managed by BID representatives. Patrols will cover the central BID zone, with times and locations adjusted seasonally based on demand.</p> <p>They confirm that Safe Morecambe—a partnership including local businesses, police, the council and other stakeholders—supports the project, viewing it as a way to fill gaps created by limited police resources. Local businesses regularly report concerns through the group, and partners see the warden role as offering reassurance, visibility and low-level intervention that complements existing policing and community safety activity.</p>
<p>Priority Supported:</p>	<p>Tackle Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Rebuild Public Trust and Confidence</p>

Partner Consultation

<p>Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire</p>	<p>I support the concept, having attended several Safer Morecambe meetings where this need is raised consistently.</p>
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Overall, this is a very strong application with a clear and well-defined request. The introduction of a BID Warden in Morecambe is an excellent initiative and will undoubtedly help reduce ASB and crime, while also providing reassurance to the local community. There is already a BID Warden in Lancaster, and the benefits of that role are well established.

The amount requested is £23,910, with the remaining costs to be match-funded by the local BID and CSP. I have confirmed with the applicant that this match funding has already been approved.