



COMMUNITY FUND
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP FUND

Application No 02

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Project Brief:	<p>Project Name: Morecambe Community Radio Scheme Start Date: 2nd March 2026 End Date: 31st March 2027</p> <p>Funding Requested: £5,000 Total Project Cost: £10,000 Match Funding: £4,000 total match/in-kind contribution, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1,500 BID contribution towards radios • £500 BID contribution for antenna • £3,000 existing repeater and antenna assets contributed in-kind by BID <p style="padding-left: 20px;">These contributions significantly reduce long-term operational costs and demonstrate strong local partner commitment.</p> <p>Project Aim: The project aims to reduce crime, antisocial behaviour, shoplifting, violent incidents and vulnerability risks across Morecambe by enabling seamless, real-time communication among retailers, hospitality venues, the night-time economy, and neighbourhood police. This extended system mirrors the proven success of Lancaster's city-centre radio network and is designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strengthen early intervention • improve situational awareness • support safeguarding (particularly women and girls at risk in the NTE) • enhance the visible policing presence • foster a safer, more resilient environment for residents, visitors, and businesses <p>Key Interventions: The project will deliver a series of targeted interventions including:</p> <p>1. Deployment of 40 community radios Shops, cafés, pubs, and licensed venues will be issued with radios, enabling rapid sharing of intelligence.</p> <p>2. Expansion of signal coverage Installation of a new antenna, repeater, and duplexer will extend communications from Morecambe Town Centre to the West End, linking previously disconnected areas.</p> <p>3. Daytime safety intervention Retailers can report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shoplifting
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- suspicious behaviour
- welfare concerns

This allows immediate situational updates to other businesses and police, enhancing prevention and response.

4. Night-time economy risk management

Pubs and venues can communicate emerging risks, violent incidents, disorder, or concerns about individuals within the NTE.

This supports safer operations and strengthens violence prevention, including safeguarding VAWG.

5. Enhanced policing coordination

Neighbourhood officers will carry radios, allowing them to receive information instantly and respond proactively, improving visibility and reassurance.

Partners Involved:

Morecambe BID

Lead delivery partner responsible for scheme oversight, equipment ownership, and maintenance through rental income.

Strong match funding contribution demonstrates commitment.

Safe Morecambe

Supports business engagement and helps integrate the scheme into wider community safety activity.

Morecambe Pubwatch

Key partner for NTE venues, supporting risk management and safeguarding interventions.

Lancashire Police

Neighbourhood policing teams use the system to maintain situational awareness, respond quickly, and provide early intervention to prevent escalation.

Together, these partners form a strong, operationally coherent network capable of sustaining the scheme long-term.

Expected Impact:

1. Reduction of ASB and shoplifting

Real-time alerts support deterrence, early intervention, and rapid police response.

2. Increased community and business safety

Creates a safer environment for staff, vulnerable individuals, and visitors.

3. Direct support for Clear, Hold, Build

Particularly within the Poulton Ward (covering Morecambe Town Centre), improving:

- “Clear” phase through intelligence sharing
- “Hold” phase through consistent presence
- “Build” phase by enhancing community resilience

4. Preparedness for Eden Morecambe’s impact

With visitor numbers expected to rise significantly, the scheme provides a proactive tool for managing increased footfall and demand.

5. Support to existing policing operations

The scheme strengthens Operation Centurion, Operation Vulture, and other policing initiatives targeting crime reduction and public reassurance.

6. Long-term sustainability

Rental income from businesses will fund future maintenance and replacement, enabling growth into other areas.

Evaluation Methods:

Effectiveness will be measured through:

1. Crime and ASB data monitoring

	<p>Trends in shoplifting, ASB and disorder will be tracked across the scheme area.</p> <p>2. Police operational data Neighbourhood policing teams will monitor intelligence sharing and response outcomes.</p> <p>3. Partner and business feedback Pubwatch members, BID businesses and Safe Morecambe partners will provide regular feedback.</p> <p>4. Contribution to policing initiatives Evaluation of how the radios support Centurion, Vulture, and the Clear-Hold-Build model.</p> <p>Cost Breakdown Highlights:</p> <p>DMR Portable Radios (x40)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost: £4,000 • Funding split: £2,500 PCC / £1,500 BID <p>Antenna (West End extension)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost: £500 • Funding: BID match <p>Repeater & Duplexer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost: £2,500 • Funding: PCC <p>Existing Antenna & Repeater (In-kind Asset)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value: £3,000 • Funding: BID match
Priority Supported:	<p>Tackle Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Get Tough on Serious Violent Crime</p>

Partner Consultation

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire	<p>This proposal is very similar to the Lancaster/St Anne's Radio Scheme, which we have recently supported. I am supportive of this application, as it will complement the Morecambe MP application (if approved) and aligns well with the Safer Town Centre campaign.</p>
ASB, Prevention and Problem-Solving Command	<p>This is an excellent application that clearly outlines the benefits of the proposed scheme. It will also support other PCC-funded initiatives in the area. The applicant provides a strong case for the radio equipment, which will enhance communication between police and partners when responding to ASB and crime. The funding request is clearly presented, costs are fully evidenced, and match funding is in place.</p>