



RECOMMENDATION REPORT

DECISION:	DATE: 26/01/2026
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: • 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 Blackpool North and Fleetwood's MP.	
Recommendation The Police and Crime Commissioner is asked to approve the allocation of £5,008 to Blackpool North and Fleetwood MP's sponsored project with United Youth Alliance to deliver the Wyre Thrive: Young Male Researchers – Youth Action for Change 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.

Loraine Beavers, MP for Blackpool North and Fleetwood has submitted an application in support of the Wyre Thrive: Young Male Researchers – Youth Action for Change *project* led by United Youth Alliance. Wyre Thrive aims to empower young men to take an active role in shaping the community by exploring themes of masculinity, respect, identity, and safety. Using **Participatory Action Research (PAR)**, the project places young men at the centre of enquiry, enabling them to investigate “what it means to be a safe, respectful man in Wyre” and to co-produce solutions. The project responds to research identifying pressures on young men—such as negative stereotypes, social isolation, and lack of positive male role models—and aims to address these by providing safe spaces, creative expression, and meaningful engagement with professionals, including police.

The application requests **£5,008** as a grant contribution. The total project cost is **£7,158**.

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls

3. Consultations

Problem Orientated Policing Command.
Communtiy Safety Partnership

4. Implications:

a. Legal

Funding to be issued directly to **United Youth Alliance** on a Grant Agreement. The recommendation for signing includes delegated powers, and the 151 Officer has agreed to sign the Grant Agreement thereafter.

b. Financial

£5,008 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 16.02.2026	
Sponsor I have read the above report and confirm this is factually correct. Signature Rebecca Keech Date 09.02.2026	
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 16.03.2026	
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 12.03.2026	