



RECOMMENDATION REPORT

DECISION: 86/2025	DATE: 27/02/2026
TITLE: COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP FUND	
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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 Community Safety Partnership Fund provides grants of up to £5,000 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 As well as this activity must address one or more of the local areas strategic priorities. The Police and Crime Commissioner received an application from Preston Community Safety Partnership.	
Recommendation The Police and Crime Commissioner is asked to approve the allocation of £3,000 to Preston Community Safety Partnership for the Child Criminal Exploitation & County Lines Community Training Day project.	

PART I

1. Background and Advice

The PCC recently launched a dedicated funding round to allow each of Lancashire's CSP's the opportunity to apply for funding to support local partnerships working together to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour, and community harm. CSP's can propose schemes for consideration by the Commissioner through the application process, with a maximum grant per application of £5,000. All funding applications must demonstrate how they contribute to one or more of the Police and Crime Plan strategic priorities.

Preston CSP have submitted a proposal for the **Child Criminal Exploitation & County Lines Community Training Day** project. The event aims to **strengthen community safeguarding capacity** by improving knowledge, confidence, and clarity around:

- The signs and indicators of CCE, County Lines, and CFE
- Understanding vulnerabilities of at-risk children
- Recognising grooming processes and exploitation tactics
- Improving early identification, intervention, and disruption
- Building trust and confidence between communities and policing
- Enhancing the quality of referrals and multi-agency responses

Ultimately, the project seeks to **reduce the number of children harmed or targeted by criminal networks** through improved awareness, reporting, and prevention. The application requests **£3,000** as a grant contribution to the project.

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

Tackle Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

3. Consultations

Problem Orientated Policing Command.

4. Implications:

a. Legal

Funding to be issued directly to the No Whispers CIC 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

£3,000 to be allocated – utilising funding allocated by the PCC to the CSP 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 02/03/2026	
Sponsor I have read the above report and confirm this is factually correct. Signature Rebecca Keech Date 02/03/2026	
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	