

**ORIGINATOR: HEAD OF COMMISSIONING AND  
GOVERNANCE**

**DECISION NUMBER: 33 - 2025**

**REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION**

**SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

**SUBJECT: CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUFFOLK FUTURES FUND**

**SUMMARY:**


1. Suffolk Community Foundation have created a new fund, the Suffolk Futures Fund, to support projects and services working with young people aged 16–25, particularly those who have experienced additional challenges in their lives and are identified as marginalised, excluded or underserved.
2. This Decision Paper recommends a contribution from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk to the Suffolk Futures Fund in order to support delivery of the Police and Crime Plan for Suffolk 2025-2029.
3. The recommended funding will be used to support initiatives which divert young people from criminality, enhance their skills or provide crime prevention advice and support so they do not become victims of exploitation.
4. If approved, the PCC's donation will be 50% match funded by Suffolk Community Foundation. Suffolk Community Foundation will administer all parts of the grant making process and the PCC will be part of the advisory panel to award grants.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. It is recommended that the Police and Crime Commissioner approves the allocation of funding of £80,000 towards the Suffolk Futures Fund utilising the Crime and Disorder Reduction Reserve.

**APPROVAL BY PCC**

The recommendation set out above is agreed.

**Signature:** 

**Date:** 22 October 2025

## DETAILS OF SUBMISSION

### 1 KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1.1 Established in 2005, Suffolk Community Foundation is a registered charity and part of a national family of 47 community foundations across the UK. They are experts in safe charitable giving and are registered with the Fundraising Regulator.
- 1.2 As part of Suffolk Community Foundation's 20th anniversary celebrations, they have created a new fund, the Suffolk Futures Fund, to support projects and services working with young people aged 16–25, particularly those who have experienced additional challenges in their lives and are identified as marginalised, excluded or underserved.
- 1.3 The Suffolk Futures Fund is a flow-through fund which will award grants to community groups and charities. The total fund value will be £300,000, accumulated through donations from various sources and supplemented by match funding from Suffolk Community Foundation.
- 1.4 Suffolk Community Foundation have approached the PCC for a donation to the fund in recognition that the Fund's aims are aligned with the Police and Crime Plan. Most notably the Police and Crime Plan sets out the intention to fund initiatives which directly support young people and reduce reoffending. This includes initiatives which divert young people from criminality, enhance their skills or provide crime prevention advice and support so they do not become victims of exploitation (Theme 2, Objective 2). The Police and Crime Plan also sets out the intention to co-operate with statutory, voluntary and private sector partners to support initiatives which benefit young people (Theme 3, Objective 3).
- 1.5 This decision paper recommends that the PCC allocates a donation of £80,000 towards the Suffolk Futures Fund in order to support delivery of the Police and Crime Plan 2025-2029.

### 2 THE SUFFOLK FUTURES FUND

- 2.1 Suffolk Community Foundation have conducted focus groups with charities and young people and have worked with the Head of Commissioning and Governance to develop the criteria for the Suffolk Futures Fund. This ensures that the Police and Crime Plan is reflected in the fund and therefore the activities supported will contribute to achieving its objectives.
- 2.2 The fund's intended aims and priorities are set out below. The latest information will be available at [Suffolk Futures Fund - Suffolk Community Foundation](#) when the fund is launched.
- 2.3 The aim of the Suffolk Futures Fund is to improve the life chances and overall wellbeing of targeted young people through one or more of the following approaches:
  - Building Supportive Environments.
  - Developing Emotional Wellbeing.
  - Encouraging Self-Care and Awareness.
  - Fostering Practical Skills.
- 2.4 The fund will prioritise applications that contribute to one or more of the funding priorities below:

- Strengthen the resilience, confidence and life skills of young people to support transitions into employment/self-employment, further education, training, apprenticeships, or volunteering.
  - Promote a sense of wellbeing, belonging, safety, and the ability to build healthy relationships.
  - Address specific issues of concern around young people by focusing on their prevention, either directly or through early intervention, to avoid poor decisions and crisis.
  - Projects located in areas of higher deprivation or higher levels of crime/ASB.
- 2.5 The Suffolk Futures Fund recognises that many different types of young people may benefit from this fund. The fund is open and inclusive to all however, through consultation the following groups of young people that might have critical needs have been identified:
- School refusers/avoidance/exclusion/home educated young people.
  - Care leavers.
  - Young people with a lack of support at an early stage in their lives.
  - Young people with a lack of aspiration, ambition or motivation.
  - Young people with a lack of resilience, social skills and readiness for work.
  - Young people with a lack of skills, training or experience needed for secure employment or education.
- 2.6 The following impact indicators have been identified to assess the changes and effectiveness of interventions. All projects will need to report on A and B and PCC funding will be specifically directed to projects addressing indicators C, D, G and H.
- A. Participants felt they had improved confidence, self-esteem or resilience.
  - B. Participants felt they had improved life chances or brighter futures.
  - C. Participants feel safer in their environment/community.
  - D. Participants have improved their life or employability skills e.g. through training, further education, volunteering or apprenticeships.
  - E. Participants report healthier lifestyles.
  - F. Participants report improved positive relationships or an increased sense of belonging.
  - G. Participants report reduced substance misuse / addictions.
  - H. Participants report they are less likely to offend, re-offend, or commit ASB.
- 2.7 Suffolk Community Foundation will conduct the due diligence on each organisation applying and ensure money is spent as intended. They will undertake the following aspects of the grant-making process:
- Promotion of the fund and handling enquiries.
  - Support and information to applicants.
  - Due diligence checks on applicant organisations.
  - Grant assessments and Panel management.
  - Monitoring of grants awarded and grant spend.
  - Impact reports.
- 2.8 The PCC will be part of the advisory panel awarding grants alongside other significant donors and those with knowledge around issues facing young people. The aim is to hold a single panel meeting early in 2026 at which the entire fund will be allocated.

### **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

- 3.1 The recommendation in this decision paper proposes that the PCC uses £80,000 of funding from the PCC Crime and Disorder Reduction Reserve as a one-off donation to the Suffolk Futures Fund.
- 3.2 There is no fee for the grant making of the donation – all funding will be directed to the successful applicants.
- 3.3 The recommended donation of £80,000 will be 50% match funded by SCF, creating a total of £120,000 within the overall fund to invest in charitable and community-based projects. The match funding commitment from Suffolk Community Foundation is a good opportunity to maximise use of public funds.

### **4 OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

- 4.1 The risk of receiving an insufficient number of applications to the fund, or that support Police and Crime Plan objectives, has been considered but it is felt that this is unlikely to happen given the need for funding and the engagement Suffolk Community Foundation has already undertaken with the sector. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Suffolk Constabulary will support the promotion of the fund to Voluntary, Charitable, Faith and Community groups.
- 4.2 The activities, outcomes and impact delivered through the Suffolk Future Fund will be considered and used to inform future delivery of the Police and Crime Plan objectives.

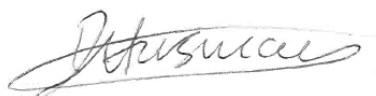
<b>ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)</b>	<b>PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'</b>
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	NO
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	YES
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	YES
Have human resource implications been considered?	YES
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	YES
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	YES
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	YES
Have all relevant ethical factors been taken into consideration in developing this submission?	YES

In relation to the above, please ensure that all relevant issues have been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission.

#### **APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER**

##### **Chief Executive**

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.



**Signature:**

**Date:** 15 October 2025