



## **Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund 2026 - 2027**

**Subject:** Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) Fund 2026 - 2027

**Originator:** Commissioning Officer

**Decision Number:** 14 - 2026

**Reason for Submission:** For Decision

**Submitted to:** Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)

### **Summary**

1. The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) Fund was established in February 2014 to support organisations that can contribute to delivering the Police and Crime Plan objectives. The fund became operational on 1 April 2014 and has been funded by the PCC on an annual basis.
2. Suffolk Community Foundation manage and administer the fund and grant-making process. A grants panel considers the applications to the fund and the PCC makes a final determination on each award.
3. In 2025/26, the PCC's Fund granted 12 successful applications, working with a projected 4,026 beneficiaries.
4. This decision paper sets out a recommendation to approve new funding of £300,000 for 2026/27 and to continue Suffolk Community Foundation's management of the fund.
5. This decision paper notes Decision 36 - 2025 that allocated £49,000 of the 2026/27 budget to cover funding in Round 40 of the PCC's Panel, November 2025.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that:

1. Suffolk Community Foundation continue to undertake the management and administration of The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund.
2. The PCC approves allocating £300,000 for the 2026/27 financial year.
3. The PCC notes that £49,000 from the budget has already been allocated to cover funding agreed in Round 40 in November 2025.

## **Approval by PCC**

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

**Signed:** Tim Passmore

**Signature:** 

**Date:** 20 May 2026

## Detail of Submission

### 1. Objective

- 1.1 In accordance with the provisions in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 the Police and Crime Commissioner can commission services that:
  - a) secure, or contribute to securing crime and disorder reduction in Suffolk;
  - b) are intended to help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by offences and anti-social behaviour.
- 1.2 In applying this provision, the PCC will ensure that the services commissioned are also consistent with the [Suffolk Police and Crime Plan 2025-2029](#).
- 1.3 As such this report sets out the background to the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund and proposes to continue the current model of operation with recommended funding of £300,000 for the financial year 2026/27.

### 2. Background

- 2.1 The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund (PCC's Fund), previously known as the 'Safer Suffolk Fund', was established in 2014. Since its inception, the Fund has been administered by Suffolk Community Foundation (SCF), one of 46 Community Foundations in the UK. SCF enables local people to donate to the heart of their communities, addressing a wide range of issues and acting as a channel for multiple funds to support communities that need help and the organisations working within them.
- 2.2 Since 2014, the PCC's Fund has distributed approximately £3.5 million in grant funding and supported over 239 applications for voluntary and charitable sector projects. Last year, 12 grants were awarded to support projects engaging 4,026 beneficiaries.
- 2.3 The fund invites applications from voluntary and community groups, charities, social enterprises and community interest companies that are providing support in partnership/collaboration and where links can also be made with the following key areas of the Police and Crime Plan:

**Theme 2** – Commissioning services which support victims of crime and investing in initiatives which reduce crime, disorder, offending and prevent victimisation.

Objective 1: Commissioning services which support victims of crime.

Objective 2: Investing in initiatives which reduce crime, disorder, offending and prevent victimisation.

**Theme 3** – Effective engagement with communities, and working with partner agencies, to enhance community safety and criminal justice.

Objective 3: Work in partnership to support criminal justice and enhance community safety.

2.4 Applications are required to target one of the following groups:

- Adult Offenders.
- Children & Young People (offenders, at risk of offending and exploitation).
- Communities (at risk of/affected by crime and/or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour).
- Victims of crime (excluding domestic abuse and sexual abuse/violence).

2.5 Applications are also required to specify which of the following outcomes they will meet to assess impact and progress of projects:

- Improved confidence, Resilience and/or Feelings of Safety.
- Increased Education, Skills, Training and/or Employability.
- Reduced Offending, Violence and/or Exploitation.
- Improved Mental Health, Reduced Addiction and/or Homelessness.

2.6 A panel, established to consider the grant applications, is chaired by the PCC who is responsible for final determination of each award. The panel includes a representative of the PCC's commissioning team and Chairs of the local Community Safety Partnerships (Ipswich, West Suffolk, East Suffolk).

2.7 The decision papers summarising grant awards from all previous panel meetings can be found on the [Decisions](#) section of the PCC's website. A record of grants awarded is found on a separate page dedicated to the [PCC's Fund](#) along with information on how to apply for grant funding. The [PCC's Annual Report](#) also summarises the grants awarded each year.

2.8 Each grant recipient is required to complete an end-of-project, and where appropriate a mid-project, impact report outlining activities undertaken and the outcomes achieved.

2.9 Suffolk Community Foundation also produce a summary impact report for the whole fund collating grant amounts, beneficiary information and geographical

spread on an annual basis. The most recent of which can be found on the [PCC website](#) (2025/26 report pending).

### **3. Areas for Consideration**

- 3.1 It is proposed that Suffolk Community Foundation continues to manage and administer the PCC's Fund grant-making process, including advertising and promotion (with the OPCC), handling enquiries, processing applications, assessing applications, recommending projects to the Fund's Grant Panel, notifying applicants, and monitoring and evaluating grant awards. The current Terms of Reference has an exhaustive list of roles and responsibilities and is reviewed annually.
- 3.2 The fund has typically been distributed across three or four rounds per year. However, only one round took place during the 2025/26 financial year due to a reduction in available funds. This was primarily because a portion of the budget (£103,098) was used to support applications submitted to the panel held in March 2025 (Round 39), alongside the receipt of a high volume of high-quality applications during the single round. Similarly, the panel meeting in November 2025 allocated funding from the 2026/27 budget to address the shortfall. As a result, it is unlikely that four rounds will be viable in the current year. It is therefore recommended that SCF plans for three rounds, while retaining flexibility to respond to demand and available funding.
- 3.3 It is recommended that the PCC approves an allocation of £300,000 from his commissioning budget for the operation of the PCC's Fund in 2026/27.

### **4. Other options considered**

- 4.1 Options for administering the PCC's Fund are reviewed internally on an annual basis. This includes consideration of opportunities to diversify the fund into themed funding streams and to bring the administration in-house. However, in light of forthcoming changes to the PCC model and the limited resources within the OPCC, maintaining the current arrangements is considered to be the most appropriate approach at this time.

## **5. Strategic aims / objective supported**

5.1 The PCC's Fund meets several objectives/aims listed within the Police and Crime Plan 2025-29 (Theme 2 objective 1 and 2 and Theme 3 objective 3 as set out in section 2.3 above), most specifically:

- Progressing multi-year funding wherever possible and practical (2-year funding applications are considered).
- Supporting problem-solving in local communities by investing in local solutions and commissioning local assets which reduce reoffending, prevent crime and disorder, or improve community safety.
- Supporting young people – for example initiatives which diverts young people from criminality, enhance their skills or provide crime prevention advice and support so they do not become victims of exploitation.

## **6. Financial and other recourse implications**

6.1 It is recommended that the PCC approves an allocation of £300,000 from his commissioning budget for the operation of the PCC's Fund in 2026/27.

6.2 This level of funding is commensurate with previous years and will support three funding rounds, allowing grants to be awarded in line with the published criteria of the fund.

6.3 This decision paper notes Decision 36 - 2025 that allocated £49,000 of the 2026/27 budget to cover funding in Round 40 of the PCC's Panel, November 2025. This means that £251,000 of the £300,000 remains to be allocated during the financial year.

6.4 In order to meet the costs of managing and administering the PCC's Fund, Suffolk Community Foundation will charge a fee of 7.5% on the value of the funds awarded. This fee covers all aspects of the management and administration of the grant-making process and is included within the total sum of the grant.

6.5 Suffolk Community Foundation will provide the Police and Crime Commissioner with regular financial statements for the PCC's Fund.

## **7. Environmental Implications**

7.1 There are no specific environmental implications to include within this decision report.

## **8. Other implications and risks**

- 8.1 A full Equality Impact Assessment was undertaken prior to this decision being recommended. This provided reassurance that the PCC's fund has the potential to positively impact people with protected characteristics. The assessment also highlighted the challenges of collating accurate demographic data from multiple, and often small, charitable organisations. Work to improve the capture of information on how grant recipients support people with protected characteristics, and which characteristics are supported, is ongoing in partnership with Suffolk Community Foundation.
- 8.2 There are no other implications or risks to be considered.

## Originator Checklist (must be completed).

Please state 'yes' or 'no'

Checklist Item	Yes / No
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 Police and Crime Plan objectives?	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?	No
Have environmental factors been considered?	Yes
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks section of the submission?	Yes
Is this report a Confidential Decision?	No

If yes, please state reasons below:

**Approval to submit to the decision-maker** (This approval is required only for submissions to the PCC)

**Chief Executive**

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

**Signed:** Darren Horsman

**Signature:** 

**Date:** 20 May 2026

**Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer)**

I certify that:

- a) there are no financial consequences as a result of this decision,  
Or
- b) the costs identified in this report can be met from existing revenue or capital budgets,  
Or
- c) the costs identified in this report can be financed from reserves  
And
- d) the decision can be taken on the basis of my assurance that Financial Regulations have been complied with.

**Signed:** Colette Batson

**Signature:** 

**Date:** 20 May 2026

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