

Award of Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant – Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures (April 2026 – March 2028)

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Originator: Commissioning Officer

Decision Number: 18 - 2026

Reason for Submission: For Decision

Submitted to: Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)

Summary

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.
2. This report seeks approval to award a Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant to the Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures project totalling £99,276 for the period 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027, and £101,262 for the period 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2028.
3. Suffolk Positive Futures takes an ‘early intervention’ approach to tackling crime and anti-social behaviour by providing a compelling alternative for young people through the delivery of sports-based activity.
4. The funding will support theme two in the Police and Crime Plan 2025-2029 by investing in an initiative which prevents crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour.

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

1. The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) approves the allocation of grant funding of £99,276 to Catch22 for the delivery of the Suffolk Positive Futures project from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027, and £101,262 for the period 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2028.

Approval by PCC

The recommendation as outlined above is approved.

Signed: Tim Passmore

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Signature:

Date: 18/06/2026

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;
 - 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](#).
The Suffolk Positive Futures project specifically delivers on the following:
- Progress multi-year funding arrangements wherever possible and practical.
 - Support problem-solving in local communities, by investing in solutions which reduce reoffending, prevent crime and disorder, or improve community safety.
 - Supporting young people – for example 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.
 - Consider initiatives which reduce the demand on the police.
- 1.3 As such this report seeks approval to award a Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant of £99,276 to Catch22 for the delivery of the Suffolk Positive Futures project from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027, and £101,262 for the period 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2028.

2. Background

- 2.1 According to Constabulary data ([AP26/22](#)), anti-social behaviour (ASB) has seen an increase of 20.1% in the last 12 months (1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026) compared to the previous 12 months (1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025) albeit there continues to be a reduction in volume when compared to the long-term average. This highlights the continued need to ensure a variety of approaches to addressing ASB in the community.
- 2.2 Catch22 is a charity that describes itself as a not-for-profit business with a social mission. The organisation works across five areas: justice; education; vocational training and employability; young people and families; and National Citizen Service to design and deliver services that build resilience and aspiration in people of all ages within communities across the UK.

- 2.3 The Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures early intervention project is designed to reach young people at times when they are most in need. The project, supported by the PCC since 2013, has been transforming young people's lives and making a significant impact in some of the most deprived communities in Suffolk.
- 2.4 The project transforms lives by providing long-term support to vulnerable 10–19-year-olds at risk of crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB), primarily through sport-based activity. Suffolk Positive Futures also delivers 'holiday hunger' and summer-holiday diversionary projects; sports leadership qualifications; and awareness raising sessions. The service operates outside of standard youth provision hours and in high priority police areas in order to prevent anti-social behaviour and criminal exploitation.
- 2.5 The project delivers an 'early intervention' approach to tackling crime and ASB by providing a positive alternative to deter young people from crime. The project contributes to the following key priorities in relation to making Suffolk a safer area for all by:
- Diverting young people from involvement in ASB and gang related activity, especially the young people on the periphery of engaging in this activity.
 - Supporting local communities to tackle ASB, through engagement and diversion.
 - Addressing the risk factors and strengthening the protective factors to enable young people to choose leadership and positive community action instead of crime.
 - Reducing crime and, by preventing offending and ASB, decreasing demand for front-line criminal justice services.

2025 – 2026 Service Delivery and Impact

- 2.6 In the 2025/26 financial year the project delivered county-wide with ongoing delivery commitments at: multiple sites across Ipswich and Lowestoft, Felixstowe, Beccles, Leiston, Hadleigh, Haverhill, Newmarket and Mildenhall. Activities provided included football, boxing, cricket, multi-sports and darts.
- 2.7 The latest Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures monitoring report (April 2025 – March 2026) illustrates the project's impact through:
- 1,406 young people (1,503 previous year) attending the project through 9,854 attendances (10,023 previous year).
 - 654 activity sessions delivered (642 previous year) and over 1,180 hours of sporting activity provided (1,140 previous year).

- Engaging with a diverse cohort of participants: 23% were females, 17% were from a Black, Asian, or other minority ethnic backgrounds, 70% White British and 12% White other;
- Supporting 20 (13 previous year) young people not in education to work towards a recognised qualification;
- Supporting 28 young people into volunteering placements (22 previous year).

2.8 The service reports against the following key outcomes (published in the Police and Crime Plan Performance Framework):

- Improved confidence, resilience and feelings of safety: 94% felt safer in their community due to participation in the project; 84% had improved confidence.
- Increased education, skills, training and employability: 20 young people not in education were supported to work towards a recognised qualification; 28 young people were supported into volunteering placements.
- Improved mental health, reduced addiction and homelessness: 92% of those who felt it relevant to them, said that their mental health had improved due to their regular attendance at the sessions.

2.9 Catch22 captures feedback through an ongoing survey with participants. In 2025/26, 191 young people completed the survey and, in addition to the key outcomes above, the results illustrate that:

- 100% of respondents said they would recommend the project to other young people;
- 98% felt their physical health had improved;
- 85% of those who felt it relevant to them, said that they were more able to enjoy life after attendance at the sessions.

In response to the survey question “what else have you gained from attending the project”:

- 32% said they liked being part of a team;
- 40% said they now take pride in their local area;
- 24% said they were no longer getting into trouble;
- 32% said they were no longer hanging around on the streets;
- 79% said they made new friends;

- 95% said they had improved fitness levels.
- 2.10 To ensure alignment with the PCC’s Themes and Objectives in his Police and Crime Plan 2025-2029, Catch22 continues to enhance delivery by working with the Suffolk Youth Justice Service (SYJS) and Suffolk Constabulary to increase referrals of young people known to the criminal justice system, or those who are vulnerable to criminal activities and exploitation. The work to reduce crime and ASB and prevent offending is intended to decrease the demand for front line services as well as improve young people’s trust and confidence in policing.
- Suffolk Constabulary attends the Positive Futures Steering Group and, in 2025/26, approximately 12 individual officers attended 50 sports sessions;
 - 18% of referrals were formal referrals from partners including police and youth justice;
 - In addition to standard training, project staff have completed training on substance misuse and emerging trends to better support the young people.
- 2.11 The project targets specific geographic areas for delivery in line with data, identified need and professional opinion from police and partners.
- Catch22 has provided additional data to show the correlation between delivery and areas of deprivation. See Appendix A;
 - In 2025/26, 1,406 young people living in the top 40% deprived areas of Suffolk engaged with the service. Ipswich and Lowestoft both feature in the top 20% ‘most deprived areas’ nationally; 987 of the young people Catch22 supported in 2025/26 were through projects in these areas.

3. Areas for Consideration

Catch22 – Suffolk Positive Futures 2026 - 2028

- 3.1 The proposed PCC funding will enable the continuation of the Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures project and will support the Project Manager and Coordinator posts for the period 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028. Funding for sessional staff and the direct costs of activities is secured from a wide range of sources, including partners, charitable foundations, and local authorities.
- 3.2 The proposed two-year funding period aligns strongly with the Police and Crime Plan’s ambition to facilitate multi-year funding where feasible. Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures has demonstrated strong delivery over several years and is regarded as a reliable partner. Providing a two-year grant will offer stability for staffing costs and enable the organisation to more effectively leverage additional

funding, rather than awaiting confirmation of PCC funding before seeking support for 2027/28.

- 3.3 Projects are also supported by volunteers, many of whom are former service users who choose to give back to their community. Their contribution offers strong value for money and supports the Police and Crime Commissioner's objectives, as set out in the Police and Crime Plan, to maximise social value.
- 3.4 Catch22 has also demonstrated itself to be a reliable and effective provider, with strong countywide support from a broad range of partner organisations including East Suffolk Council, the Youth Justice Service, Ipswich Borough Council, Lowestoft Town Council, Pakefield High School, IES Breckland School and Northgate High School.
- 3.5 Appendix B outlines the anticipated delivery for 2026/27. Delivery for 2027/28 is expected to broadly align with the 2026/27 position and will be confirmed as part of year-end reporting.

Monitoring and outcomes

- 3.6 Grant monitoring will be undertaken at mid-year and year-end through written reports setting out activity and progress towards outcomes, along with financial expenditure. These reports will be supplemented by meetings between the OPCC and Catch22.
- 3.7 The service will report on how it has met the outcomes detailed in the Police and Crime Plan Performance Framework referenced at 2.8.
- 3.8 In addition, the service will deliver and report on the following using project data, surveys and qualitative feedback from participants, parents and partners:
 - Generation of match-funding through local and national funding opportunities. Catch22 has advised that they hope to secure £67,716 of match-funding (other external income) during both 2026/27 and 2027/28. Match-funding will be monitored through the bi-annual reporting mechanism.
 - Continued delivery in areas that are a priority for policing, the PCC and local communities and in the 'most deprived 20%' areas of Suffolk.
 - Continued engagement with Suffolk Constabulary and partners, raising awareness and driving up referrals.
 - Working with a minimum of 1,500 young people in Suffolk in 2026/27 and 1,575 in 2027/28.

- Generating 10,000 attendances to the project in 2026/27 and 10,500 in 2027/28.
- Delivering a minimum of 1,260 hours of activity in those areas to divert young people from criminal activity and provide a safe place, predominantly in the evening.
- Gathering service user feedback to assess progress towards outcomes and monitor feedback on the safety of local areas, crime, ASB and victimisation.
- Helping a minimum of 25 vulnerable young people not in school or mainstream education to gain a recognised qualification.
- Helping at least 15 young people to take up volunteering placements in 2026/27 and 20 in 2027/28.

4. Other options considered

4.1 The PCC could choose to discontinue funding for the Suffolk Positive Futures project; however, many of the other funding streams that support the service stipulate that their contributions must be directed towards frontline service delivery rather than overhead staffing costs. The roles currently funded by the PCC are therefore critical, not only in enabling the effective delivery of services but also in securing additional funding opportunities. Without these roles, the organisation would be unable to sustain Suffolk Positive Futures, ultimately leading to the closure of its wide-reaching and highly successful youth diversionary programmes across Suffolk.

5. Strategic aims / objective supported

5.1 The Suffolk Positive Futures project directly delivers on a number of commitments set out in the Suffolk Police and Crime Plan 2025-2029:

- Progress multi-year funding arrangements wherever possible and practical.
- Support problem-solving in local communities, by investing in solutions which reduce reoffending, prevent crime and disorder, or improve community safety.
- Supporting young people – for example 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.
- Consider initiatives which reduce the demand on the police.

5.2 Furthermore, Suffolk Positive Futures projects are also prevalent in a number of ‘Clear, Hold, Build’ areas within Suffolk, therefore supporting one of the Constabulary’s objectives within the plan.

6. Financial and other resource implications

6.1 The table below provides a breakdown of the total cost of the project over the next two years which covers staff costs, travel, programme delivery, facilities, supplies, IT and Catch22 management charges. It is recommended that the PCC provides grant funding of £99,276 in 2026/27 and £101,262 in 2027/28 towards the delivery of this service.

Cost breakdown	2026/27	2027/28	2yr Total
External funding:	£67,716	£68,966	£136,682
PCC contribution:	£99,276	£101,262	£200,538
Total project cost:	£166,992	£170,228	£337,220

6.2 The proposed PCC funding is an increase of 2% from the grant awarded in 2025/26. This is in response to cost pressures on the service. A further 2% increase is forecast for 2027/28.

6.3 Catch22 will cover the remainder of the delivery costs through their own fund raising and additional grants. There is a strong track record of income generation and in 2025/26 additional funding was secured from 14 other local and national organisations meaning that for every £1 invested from the PCC another £0.72p of additional funding was secured by Catch22. Catch22 have already secured more than half the additional funding for delivery in 2026/27 and aim to work with at least 10 organisations over the course of the year.

6.4 Catch22’s additional funding is utilised toward sessional staff and delivery costs and is generated through a wide variety of other sources including local and national charitable foundations and local authorities.

6.5 This is a one-off grant covering the period 1 April 2026 – 31 March 2028; Catch22 must meet any costs incurred after the grant termination date.

6.6 The funding will be allocated from the PCC’s Crime and Disorder Reduction budget.

7. Environmental Implications

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

8. Other implications and risks

- 8.1 An assessment of risk in delivery of the service has been undertaken. This assessment has considered the value of the grant sought, the duration of delivery and the grant recipient's history of delivery and ability to deliver. The monitoring arrangements outlined in the conditions of award reflect the fact that Catch22 Suffolk Positive Futures continue to successfully deliver the service and regularly report on activity and outcomes.
- 8.2 Suffolk Positive Futures are required to notify the PCC should there be any risk to the service being delivered.
- 8.3 An equality impact assessment has been carried out to assess and document how equality has been considered and improved in the delivery of the project.
- 8.4 There are no other implications or risks to be considered.

Originator Checklist (must be completed).

Please state 'yes' or 'no'

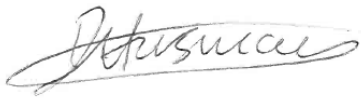
Checklist Item	Yes / No
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	No
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	Yes
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered, including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes
Have human resource implications been considered?	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

Chief Executive

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



Signed:

Signature: Darren Horsman

Date: 18/06/2026

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:

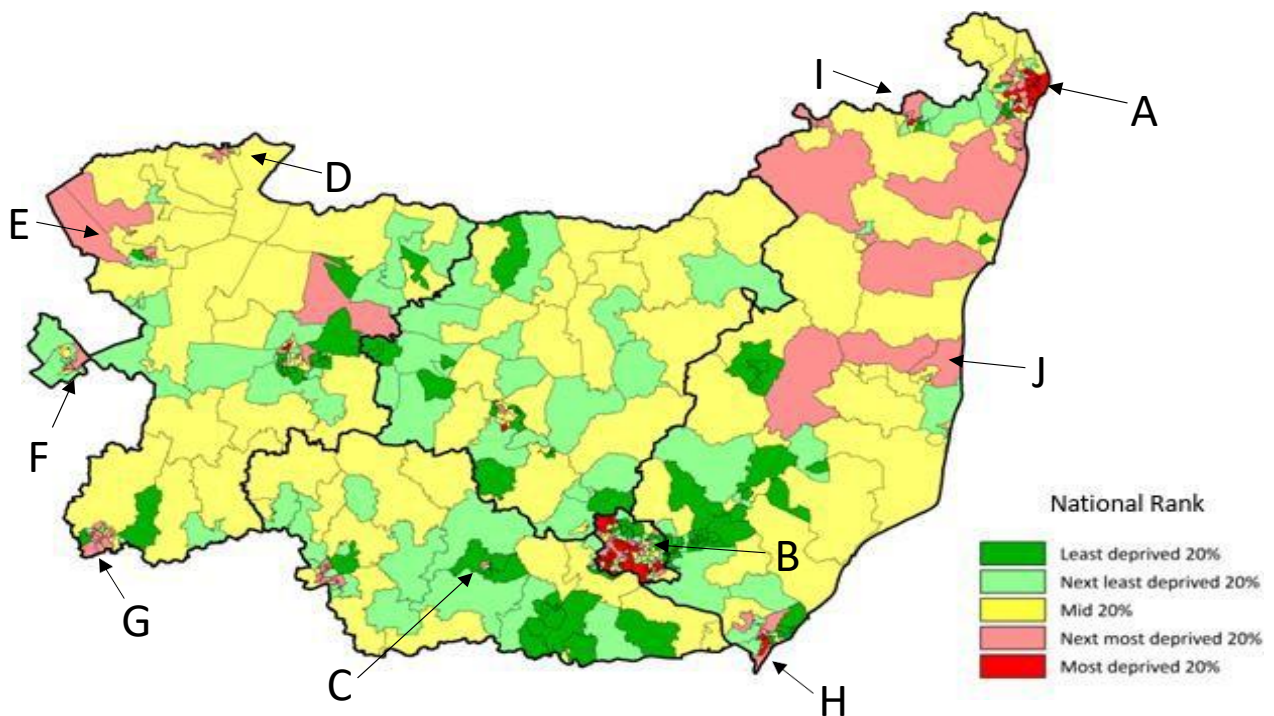
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Working in the most deprived areas of Suffolk

The below map was taken from [Public Health Suffolk's indices of multiple deprivation](#) and shows levels of deprivation across Suffolk, with the darker colours indicating high levels of deprivation. Deprivation includes a range of measures comprising levels of income, crime, health and living environment amongst others.

We have marked on the map the areas where we operate and also the numbers of young people we worked with from those areas in the past 12 months. The map shows a direct correlation between our project locations, the most deprived and next most deprived areas in Suffolk, indicating that we are delivering in the 'right' areas in Suffolk.



KEY		
A	LOWESTOFT (Various projects)	476 young people worked with
B	IPSWICH (Various projects)	511 young people worked with
C	HADLEIGH PROJECT	35 young people worked with
D	BRANDON PROJECT	20 young people worked with
E	MILDENHALL PROJECT	50 young people worked with
F	NEWMARKET PROJECT	33 young people worked with
G	HAVERHILL PROJECT	133 young people worked with
H	FELIXSTOWE PROJECT	49 young people worked with
I	BECCLES PROJECT	57 young people worked with
J	LEISTON PROJECT (new for 2026)	41 young people worked with

The map has two significant areas of extremely high deprivation in Ipswich and Lowestoft which both feature in the top 20% nationally. This corresponds to our two main areas of delivery, where in the past 12 months we worked with 511 young people in Ipswich and 476 young people in Lowestoft and surrounding area.



Catch22, Suffolk Positive Futures - Activity programme 2026-27

Day	Activity	Time	Location	Ages	Session Dates	LA Area
Monday	Guntton Estate Multi Sports inc Street Cricket	5pm-6pm	Guntton Park, Lowestoft	10-16	April - October	East Suffolk
Monday	Guntton Estate Darts Project	5.00pm - 6.00pm	Whitton Life Centre, Lowestoft	10-16	October-April	East Suffolk
Monday	Felixstowe Football Project	5.45pm-7pm	Grange Farm Avenue park (nr skatepark)	11-18	April - October	East Suffolk
Monday	Leiston Leisure Centre - Football	7.00pm to 8.00pm	Leiston Leisure Centre	10-16	On-going	East Suffolk
Tuesday	Boxing / Fitness	4.30pm-5.30pm	Hadleigh Leisure Centre	10-16	On-going	Mid-Suffolk /Babergh
Tuesday	Boxing / Fitness	3.30pm-4.30pm	Newmarket Leisure Centre	10-16	On-going	West Suffolk
Tuesday	Boxing / Fitness	5.30pm-6.30pm	Mildenhall Hub, Mildenhall	10-16	On-going	West Suffolk
Wednesday	Football - Harbour Estate	5pm-6pm	Denes High School, Lowestoft	10-16	On-going	East Suffolk
Wednesday	Football - Beccles	6.30pm - 7-30pm	Sir John Leman High School - Beccles	10-16	On-Going	East Suffolk
Wednesday	Boxing / Fitness	6pm to 7pm	Murrayside Community Centre, Ipswich	10-18	On-going	Ipswich
Wednesday	Street Cricket	5.30pm-7pm	Chantry Sports Centre, Ipswich	8-16	On-going	Ipswich
Wednesday	Boxing and Fitness	1.45pm-3pm	Murrayside Community Centre, Ipswich	11-16	Term Time Only (monthly)	Ipswich
Thursday	Maple Park Sports project	4.30pm-6pm	Maple Park, Ipswich	6-16	March - October	Ipswich
Thursday	Boxing and Fitness	1.45pm-3pm	Murrayside Community Centre, Ipswich	11-16	Term Time Only (monthly)	Ipswich
Friday	Haverhill football project	7pm-8.30pm	Haverhill Leisure Centre (Abbeycroft)	10-18	On-going	West Suffolk
Friday	Normanston Ward Older YP's football project	6:30pm to 7:30pm	Barnards Meadow, Lowestoft	16-19	On-going	East Suffolk
Holiday Projects	Activity	Time	Location	Ages	Session Dates	LA Area
Lowestoft	Fit and Fed Projects (HAF)	TBC	Locations selected on areas of need	8 to 16	Easter, October and Summer Holidays	East Suffolk
Lowestoft	Summer diversionary sports	TBC	Locations selected on areas of need - Various parks and beachfront, Lowestoft	8 to 16	Easter, October and Summer Holidays	East Suffolk
Ipswich	Jumpers For Goalposts Projects	TBC	Locations selected on areas of need - Various parks in Ipswich	10 to 16	Easter, October and Summer Holidays	Ipswich