

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING INCREASE GRANT 2026/27

Subject: Neighbourhood policing increase grant 2026/27

Originator: PCC Chief Finance Officer

Decision Number: 22 - 2026

Reason for Submission: For Decision

Submitted to: Police and Crime Commissioner

Summary

1. The Home Office has made available grant funding of £3,293,896 for the increase of neighbourhood policing personnel in Suffolk Constabulary in 2026/27.
2. The Constabulary, in consultation with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, has developed and submitted a delivery proposal which has been accepted by the Home Office.
3. If accepted by the Police and Crime Commissioner, this funding will support the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan objective to improve public confidence by delivering an effective response to the public and a proactive approach to crime prevention. It will also support the Government's ambition to improve neighbourhood policing and deliver 13,000 additional neighbourhood policing personnel before the end of the current parliament.

Recommendations:

1. It is recommended that the Police and Crime and Commissioner (PCC) accepts the terms and enters into the 2026/27 Home Office Neighbourhood Policing Increase Grant Agreement.

Approval by PCC

The recommendation as outlined above is approved.

Signed: Tim Passmore

Signature: 

Date: 8 July 2026

Detail of Submission

1. Background and introduction:

- 1.1 The Neighbourhood Policing Increase Grant is part of the government's broader Neighbourhood Policing Programme. The Programme's aim is to deliver 13,000 neighbourhood policing personnel by the end of the current parliament as part of the Government manifesto commitment on the Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee. The aim of this neighbourhood policing increase grant is to support sustained growth in neighbourhood policing capacity and to strengthen the visibility and presence of police officers within communities across the country.
- 1.2 The Constabulary, in consultation with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, has developed and submitted a delivery proposal which has been accepted by the Home Office. This included the growth of the Constabulary's 1a Neighbourhood policing provision by 42 FTE officers from the March 2025 baseline, by March 2027. These are set out in the table below.

Total 1a growth target by the end of March 2027: 42.00
Growth force expects to be achieved, from delivery plan: 42.15

Month	Police officers in 1a	Police officers in training destined for 1a	PCSOs in 1a	PCSOs in training destined for 1a
March 2025	103.85		16.68	
March 2026	130.00	8.00	18.86	0.00
April 2026	130	9	16.68	0
May 2026	130	9	16.68	0
June 2026	130	9	16.68	0
July 2026	130	9	16.68	0
August 2026	130	9	16.68	0
September 2026	139	0	16.68	0
October 2026	139	0	16.68	0
November 2026	139	0	16.68	0
December 2026	139	0	16.68	0
January 2027	139	0	16.68	0
February 2027	146	0	16.68	0
March 2027	146	0	16.68	0

1.3 This is a single year grant corresponding to the funding available for the 2026/27 financial year only. All funding must be utilised within this period.

1.4 To receive the grant, police forces must demonstrate progress toward their agreed recruitment profile. Forces are required to provide monthly monitoring information alongside half yearly financial returns. This data will be used to track progress against the set delivery profiles and to confirm half-yearly grant payments made in arrears. Payments will not be released if the grant is used for products or services outside the scope of the grant agreement.

1.5 Payment is subject to the PCC's acceptance of this Grant Agreement.

2. Police and Crime Plan and strategic aims supported:

2.1 In April 2025, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) published the new [Police and Crime Plan for 2025-2029](#). This funding will support the Police and

Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan objective to improve public confidence by delivering an effective response to the public and proactive approach to crime prevention. Theme one, objective four of the plan states that the Constabulary will "*ensure the right workforce mix of police officers, staff (including Police Community Support Officers), Special Constabulary and volunteers to police Suffolk effectively.*" The acceptance of the grant for neighbourhood policing increase supports this objective.

2.2 Financial implications:

2.3 This decision will provide additional funding of £3,293,896 to Suffolk Constabulary during the 2026-27 financial year.

2.4 Grant claims will be made half yearly in arrears. The amount payable in respect of the half year grant claim shall be calculated as the percentage of the growth target achieved at the mid-year point, applied to the total grant allocation, subject to a maximum payment of 80% of the grant.

2.5 For every full time equivalent (FTE) under target by year-end, the Home Office may withhold £70,000 of payment.

2.6 If Suffolk does not meet 80% of its growth target by March 2027, then any unpaid grant may be withheld.

3. Other implications and risks:

3.1 Recruitment will be undertaken through the Constabulary's existing channels ensuring that applications are encouraged from communities across Suffolk and efforts are undertaken to ensure the Constabulary continues to attract a broad range of talent.

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?	Yes
Have environmental factors been considered?	No
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:

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

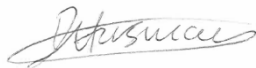
Approval to submit to the decision-maker

Chief Executive

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

Signed: Darren Horsman

Signature:



Date: 8 July 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: 8 July 2026

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