

**ORIGINATOR: DEPUTY CHIEF
EXECUTIVE**

DECISION NO. 16 - 2015

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**SUBJECT: CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION GRANT CHANGE OF PURPOSE
- EAST COAST RECOVERY**

SUMMARY:

1. 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.

This is in accordance with the provisions in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. In applying this provision, the PCC will ensure that the services commissioned are also consistent with the Suffolk Police and Crime Plan 2013 – 2017.

2. A Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant of £25,000 was awarded to East Coast Recovery in 2014. Discussions have recently taken place to change the purpose of the grant.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the PCC endorse the changes to the purpose of the grant as described in this decision paper.

APPROVAL BY THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Recommendation approved

Signature

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for and on behalf of the PCC

Date

23 February 2015

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner can commission services that:

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1.2 This decision paper seeks approval to change the purpose of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant awarded to East Coast Recovery in 2014. The original decision paper proposed a contribution of £25,000 to support treatment of eight clients on the Community Rehabilitation programme. <http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/13-2014-Award-of-Crime-and-Disorder-Reduction-Grant-East-Coast-Recovery.pdf>

2 EAST COAST RECOVERY

2.1 The original proposals for Community Rehabilitation have been subject to a delay due to planning related matters for the Community Rehabilitation building.

2.2 Following discussions with East Coast Recovery (ECR) partners it is acknowledged that there is a requirement for a more innovative specialist service that is tailored for individuals' specific needs whilst remaining in their local community. Having discussed this with other public service partners East Coast Recovery (ECR) has proposed that the purpose of the grant be modified for the purposes of introducing an innovative approach to address the damaging effects of long term, high dependency abuse of hard drugs.

2.3 The pilot initiative proposed will work intensively with individuals, identified with local partners. ECR have identified a need for a primary intervention and fast track to residential care these clients and one individual has already commenced treatment with the new programme.

2.4 The Crime and Disorder Reduction grant will subsidise approximately 50% of the primary and secondary residential care associated with the treatment as well as other secondary care and third stage treatment, with the balance being funded by ECR.

2.5 It is intended that the programme, as well as preventing the damaging effects of drugs and alcohol on lives, crime levels and the night time economy, will also impact on other Police and Crime Plan objectives including contributing to a reduction in crime and re-offending in Lowestoft.

3 OUTPUTS/OUTCOMES

3.1 Approval of the proposed changes is made on the basis of financial and activity data being made available to the PCC.

3.2 Evaluation at primary, secondary and third stages of treatment will be undertaken.

3.3 Service implications (an intended demand reduction on the police and other local services) will be measured through partner assessment of change and where possible with new entrants against a baseline to be established at the start of treatment.

- 3.4 The following outputs and outcomes, as appropriate to the individual will be monitored over a longer period of time and following treatment:
- Freedom from dependence on drugs or alcohol (abstinence from all mind altering substances);
 - Prevention of drug related deaths and blood borne viruses;
 - A reduction in crime and re-offending;
 - Sustained employment;
 - The ability to access and sustain suitable accommodation;
 - Improvement in mental and physical health and wellbeing;
 - Improved relationships with family members, partners and friends; and
 - The capacity to be an effective and caring parent.

4 MISCELLANEOUS CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- 4.1 Conditions of award were set out in the original decision paper.
- 4.2 Due to the delay in starting the project as outlined in section 2.1 above it is proposed that the award period is extended until 30 September 2015.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no additional financial implications resulting from the proposed changes.
- 5.2 The original grant of £25,000 from the PCC will be supplemented by £3,950 by ECR, who will also match fund the residential care element of the project.

6 RISKS

- 6.1 There are no risks flowing from the consideration of this report. The risks associated with substance misuse programmes relate to the potential failure. These risks are well known but continuous efforts must be made to tackle substance misuse nevertheless.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

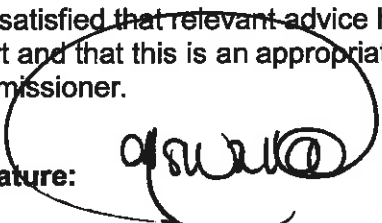
- 7.1 It is recommended that the PCC approves the changes to the purpose of the grant as described in this decision paper.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	YES
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
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	YES

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER

for and on behalf of:
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 Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signature:  Date *23/2/2015*