

ORIGINATOR: LIZ HOLLINGWORTH

DECISION NUMBER: 34-2015.

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION GRANT – SENTINEL
LEISURE TRUST: CCTV ON LOWESTOFT LOWER SEA FRONT
PROMENADE**

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. Following discussions between the OPCC and Sentinel Leisure Trust this report seeks approval to award a Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant of £3,500 to install CCTV on Lowestoft Lower Sea Front Promenade.
3. The funding will enable crime and disorder reduction activity focussing on the Police and Crime Plan objectives to support effective crime prevention and community safety activities; reduce anti-social behaviour; engage with business to impact on business crime and improve trust and confidence in the criminal justice system.
4. The original application is included alongside this decision paper.

RECOMMENDATION:

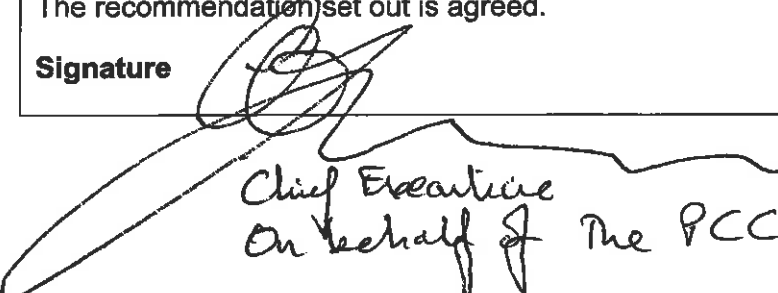
1. That the PCC approves a grant of £3,500 to Sentinel Leisure Trust.

APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendation set out is agreed.

Signature

Date 25 June 2015



Chief Executive
On behalf of The PCC.

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner can commission services that:
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- 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.
- 1.2 This report seeks approval to award a Crime and Reduction Disorder Grant of £3,500 to Sentinel Leisure Trust to install improved CCTV on Lowestoft Lower Sea Front Promenade. This decision paper should be read alongside the original application (Appendix A).

2. PROPOSAL FOR CCTV ON LOWESTOFT LOWER SEA FRONT PROMENADE.

- 2.1 Sentinel Leisure Trust is a not for profit charitable organisation formed to manage local sports and leisure facilities for and on behalf of Waveney District Council. The Trust leases and manages the current stock of beach huts and services on Lowestoft Lower Sea Front Promenade.
- 2.2 The Promenade, which is not covered by the existing CCTV in the area, has been subject to numerous crimes over the past three years, details of which are included in the application (appendix A). The Trust and partners consider CCTV will prevent and reduce anti-social behaviour and criminal damage in the area, increase public confidence and the feeling of safety.
- 2.3 Funding is being requested to contribute to the purchase of a third camera, supplementing two cameras already purchased as part of the project. The cameras are monitored 24 hours per day by the Waveney District Council (Waveney Norse) CCTV operators.
- 2.4 Installation of CCTV at Lowestoft Lower Sea Front Promenade will deliver on the Police and Crime Plan objectives to:
- Support effective crime prevention and community safety activities
 - Reduce anti-social behaviour
 - Engage with businesses to impact on business crime
 - Improve trust and confidence in the criminal justice system
- 2.5 The activity also contributes to the PCC's aim to support the local economy and tourism more effectively. The application for funding has the support of the Lowestoft Safer Neighbourhood Team.
- 2.6 Sentinel Leisure Trust will report to the PCC on the outcomes of the project after a 12 month period and will monitor:
- crime figures in the locality to assess crime reduction;
 - evidence of where CCTV has helped in detection or prevention of crime and disorder;
 - feedback from local residents, businesses and partners including the police on their perception of safety and the impact of improved CCTV.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

3.1 The total cost of the project to provide CCTV coverage is in excess of £60,000. £40,000 has been secured from Waveney District Council for two cameras which are already in operation. Funding of £3,500 is being applied for from the PCC to contribute to the purchase of the third camera.

3.2 Evidence of spend will be made available together with outcomes as part of the monitoring process

4. MISCELLANEOUS CONDITIONS OF AWARD

4.1 The following conditions will apply to the grant award.

- (i) The fund will be allocated to projects, initiatives or events in Suffolk which support the objectives set out in the [Police & Crime Plan](#);
- (ii) All grants are one-off payments that can be used to pump-prime a project or pay for a one-off event;
- (iii) The PCC is not be responsible for any on-going costs associated the project/initiative;
- (iv) In normal circumstances the funding will not be made available to support staff salaries, core business activities, overheads/costs associated with business administration or capital projects of the recipient;
- (v) Projects approved under this process should be completed in the financial year 2015/16 and only in exceptional circumstances will a carry-forward be agreed;
- (vi) The award must only be used for the purpose set out in the application or as approved in writing by the PCC. The PCC must be notified as soon as reasonably practicable if the organisation ceases operation, the project does not go ahead, or if an underspend is forecast. All underspends must be returned to the PCC;
- (vii) By accepting the award the recipient makes a commitment to acknowledge the PCC's support publically and must acknowledge the PCC in all promotional work, as well as display the PCC's logo in all publicity associated with the initiative;
- (viii) All recipients of funding will be expected to provide information on outcomes, including a written summary on how the project supported objectives in the Police & Crime Plan (a monitoring form will be made available to help with this process). The PCC also reserves the right to hold the recipient to account at the Accountability & Performance Panel;
- (ix) The award may not be used to support or promote political or religious activity.

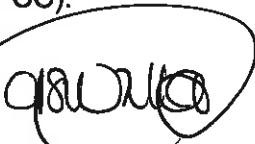
5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

5.1 There are no major implications or risks associated with 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?	N/A
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 (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 and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the (add decision-maker's title e.g. the PCC).	
Signature: 	Date 24/6/2015



CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION GRANTS

Introduction

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) can award Crime and Disorder Reduction grants where he believes it will secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in Suffolk and delivery of the Police and Crime Plan.

The Safer Suffolk Fund has been created by the PCC to support the work of voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations that help to make Suffolk a safer place in which to live, work, travel and invest. The fund is administered by Suffolk Community Foundation (SCF) on behalf of the PCC. For more information and guidance on how to make an application please contact SCF on 01473 602602 or go to: <http://www.suffolkcf.org.uk/grants/safer-suffolk-foundation/>

In exceptional circumstances the PCC may also award grants direct from his office (e.g. where the applicant does not satisfy the criteria for the Safer Suffolk Fund). Applications for grants under £3,500 can be made using the application form below. Awards of £3,500 and over will need to be supported by a full business case. Bids from statutory partners will need to be match funded. Further information can be obtained from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to discuss. Tel: 01473 782773 /e-mail: spcc@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

APPLICATION FORM FOR CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION GRANT UP TO £3,500

Name of Organisation	Sentinel Leisure Trust
Contact Name	Andy Wilson-Sutter (Chair of the Trust)
Project/event	Provision of CCTV Camera on Lowestoft Lower Sea Front Promenade
Date of event (if applicable)	May 2015

DETAILS OF GRANT APPLICATION

What are you seeking to achieve from undertaking this project/event?

"Preventing and Reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour"

Lowestoft South SNT area has been subjected to numerous crimes relating to Beach Huts and damage to property along the Lower Promenade of the Lowestoft South Beach over the past 3 years. These have generally gone undetected as they happen in the evening or at night when people are not around. They also present very few forensic opportunities due to the nature of the materials involved.

There is currently a "blind spot" for the Lowestoft CCTV operators along this area.

Beach Hut damage and burglaries were made a priority for the Lowestoft South SNT in April 2014 as the Community were concerned about the issues in previous years. These concerns were clearly correct with 25 offences being committed to date in 2014.

Sentinel Leisure Trust is a not for profit charitable organisation initially formed to manage the local sports facilities for and on behalf of Waveney District Council, the trust lease and manage the current stock of beach huts and beach services.

How does this project/event support the objectives set out in the PCC's Police & Crime Plan?

The four objectives relevant to this project from the Police and Crime Plan for Crime and Disorder Reduction Grants are:

- Supporting effective crime prevention and community safety activities
- Reducing anti-social behaviour
- Engaging with businesses to impact on business crime
- Improving trust and confidence in the criminal justice system

When do you expect to complete this project/event and what are the expected outcomes?

Completion target date is end of May 2015 prior to the main holiday and beach hut season, the expected outcome is to prevent or reduce the anti social behaviour and criminal damage in the area, allowing the beach users and the general public to feel safer especially during the evening when the incidents appear to be taking place. It is anticipated that by installing CCTV in this area will promote a greater public confidence and usage of the area.

There is an expectation that all grants awarded must deliver clear and measurable outcomes. Please set out below the expected outcomes.

The installation of CCTV camera along the Lower Promenade would fill a long standing blind spot for the Lowestoft CCTV operators and would complement the existing cameras along the Upper Promenade, it will allow operators to monitor the crime hot spot areas to prevent and detect offences. It would also act as a deterrent to potential offenders. Damage to beach huts also looks unsightly and can encourage other undesirable activities in the area. There is a likely increase in Anti-social behaviour in the area when it is not maintained to a high standard as individuals think the owners don't care for their properties.

Several properties along this stretch of the Esplanade are owned by Waveney District Council but are leased to and managed by Sentinel Leisure Trust. The installation of CCTV would demonstrate a commitment to the local council, beach users and businesses who are also contributing to this scheme.

The installation of CCTV is likely to reduce incidents of crime and disorder, and any that are committed are more likely to be detected as the CCTV will assist the police in this. This therefore has an impact on the perception of the criminal justice system and would encourage people to report these offences. Currently, officers believe many more crimes are going un-reported and we hope this trend would change with the improved confidence.

Crime Stats

2013 21 incidents including burglary, arson and criminal damage

2014 38 incidents including burglary, arson and criminal damage

2015 6 incidents including criminal damage and burglary

The total estimated value to date £23,000 including repair and replacement costs and officer time.

Amount applied for £ 3500

Please provide a breakdown of costs:

The whole project to provide CCTV coverage is estimated to cost in excess of £60,000, Sentinel Leisure Trust (SLT) has secured funding (£40,000) from Waveney District Council for two cameras with the costs for the third camera (£20,000) being paid for by SLT through fund raising and contributions.

Obviously the project will be completed as one ensuring the benefits of economy of scale are fully utilised.