

ORIGINATOR: LIZ HOLLINGWORTH

DECISION NUMBER: 36-2014

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION GRANT –
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SIGNAGE**

SUMMARY:

1. Police and Crime Commissioners are able to utilise their resources to commission services from anyone who can provide the community safety related services that they believe will contribute to their police and crime objectives. These objectives are set out in the PCC's Police and Crime Plan 2013-2017 and include various themes including young people.
2. Following discussions between the OPCC and Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch this report seeks approval to award a Crime and Disorder Reduction Grant to Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch for up to £3,000.
3. The funding will enable crime and disorder reduction activity focussing on supporting effective community safety and crime prevention activity and in particular raising awareness.

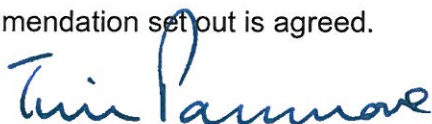
RECOMMENDATION:

That the PCC approves a grant of £3,000 to Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch for the period of 1 November 2014 to 31 March 2015 from the PCC's Police and Crime Plan Fund.

APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendation set out is agreed.

Signature



Date 24/10/2014

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is able to utilise his resources to commission services from anyone who can provide the community safety related services that they believe will contribute to their police and crime objectives including secure, or contribute to securing crime and disorder reduction.
- 1.2 This report seeks approval to award a Crime and Reduction Disorder Grant of £3,000 to Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch to fund new signage.

2. ORGANISATION AND ACTIVITY

- 2.1 Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association helps make neighbourhoods more secure and communities feel safer. The main objectives of Neighbourhood Watch are to:
 - prevent and reduce crime in neighbourhoods;
 - help provide reassurance to communities;
 - provide appropriate and up to date crime reduction advice;
 - encourage members of communities to be alert and watchful in looking after themselves and others;
 - act as a channel of communication – passing on timely information from the police to the community and from community to police – to help prevent and detect crimes.
- 2.2 The funding applied for will be used to purchase and install up to 85 new reflective/UV coated signs. The signs will be put in areas where new Neighbourhood Watch schemes have been set up, and where residents are finding it difficult to purchase the signage themselves.
- 2.3 Signs will be spread across the seven Neighbourhood Watch areas in Suffolk with the first being installed in early 2015.
- 2.4 To ensure greater value for money, the signs will be procured through the Constabulary signage supplier, Realised Futures. Realised Futures, are a social enterprise based in Whitehouse Ipswich creating work and learning opportunities for people with disabilities and disadvantages.
- 2.5 This application, if successful will contribute to the Police and Crime Plan objective to support effective community safety and crime prevention activity. The new signs will raise the profile of Neighbourhood Watch, reinvigorate the scheme, deter criminals and contribute to reduction of crime.
- 2.5 Neighbourhood Watch will inform the PCC on the outcomes of the project including:
 - the number of signs produced and installed;
 - the locations of signs;
 - details of expenditure;
 - an assessment of impact in terms of rejuvenating Neighbourhood Watch schemes, awareness raising and crime reduction.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Funding of up to £3,000 is being applied for to cover design, production and installation of signage. A further £2,000 has been secured by Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch from other sources.

- 3.2 The cost of production and installation of the signs is approximately £35 per sign.
- 3.3 Evidence of spend will be made available together with outcomes as part of the monitoring process. A monitoring report will be submitted to the PCC by 30 April 2015.

4. CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- 4.1 The following conditions will apply should a grant be awarded.
- (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 2014/15 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 23 October 2014