

**ORIGINATOR: HEAD OF POLICY &
PERFORMANCE**

DECISION NUMBER: 18 - 2020

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**SUBJECT: FUNDING TO ISCRE TO DELIVER THE STOP & SEARCH
REFERENCE GROUP, COMPLAINTS REPORTING CENTRE
AND POLICY ADVICE.**

SUMMARY:

1. This report requests a continuation of the funding to Ipswich and Suffolk Council for Racial Equality (ISCRE) to provide the services outlined in the Service Level Agreement namely i) Facilitation of the community led Stop and Search Reference Group to scrutinise the use of Stop and Search; ii) a complaints third party reporting function; iii) policy advice with regard the equality duty and iv) support stop and search training.
2. The services above will be delivered under a four-year contract until March 2024. For 2020/21 the Service Level Agreement has been reviewed and the funding is subject to annual review of the Service Level Agreement (SLA) and delivery of service as outlined in the SLA.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the funding of £4,400, annually, for the four-year period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2024, to ISCRE for delivery of the service as outlined in the report.

APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendation set out is agreed.



Signature

Date 05.08.2020

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Suffolk Constabulary has opened up its use of stop and search to community scrutiny for several years. The Stop and Search Reference Group was originally established following a report on Stop and Search in Ipswich. The report, published in 2008, made some key recommendations to improve practice with the use of Stop and Search. This included the establishment of a community led group to support the force with scrutiny of its use of stop and search to promote public confidence.
- 1.2 The PCC, in conjunction with Suffolk Constabulary, has funded the Ipswich and Suffolk Council for Racial Equality to run a Stop and Search Reference Group, third party reporting centre for police complaints and support policy consultation since 2012.
- 1.3 In 2014, to improve the use of stop and search nationally, the Home Secretary announced the Best Use of Stop and Search Scheme. The Scheme aimed to achieve greater transparency, community involvement in the use of stop and search powers and to support a more intelligence-led approach, leading to better outcomes, for example, an increase in the stop and search to positive outcome ratio.
- 1.4 External scrutiny of police use of Stop and Search plays a component part in ensuring quality, consistency and transparency in the use of Stop and Search and is recognised in the Best Use of Stop and Search Scheme as an important function.

2 DELIVERY OF THE REFERENCE GROUP AND ASSOCIATED FUNCTIONS

- 2.1 This report requests continuation of the funding to the Ipswich and Suffolk Council for Racial Equality (ISCRE) to provide the services outlined in the Service Level Agreement namely i) Facilitation of the community led Stop and Search Reference Group to scrutinise the use of Stop and Search; ii) a complaints third party reporting function; iii) policy advice with regard the equality duty and iv) support stop and search training.
- 2.2 The agreement will run for four years from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2024 and is subject to the annual review of the Service Level Agreement. Delivery will be monitored on a six-monthly basis.
- 2.2 For further transparency, the work of the Stop and Search Reference Group, a key component of the SLA, is reported to the PCC's Accountability and Performance Panel. The Stop and Search Reference Group undertakes external scrutiny of Stop and Search, which focusses on a random sample of all Suffolk Stop and Search forms, from all ethnicities, including White British.
- 2.3 The cost is £8,800 per annum, which breaks down to £4,400 from the Police and Crime Commissioner and £4,400 from the Constabulary. The release of funding will be reliant on meeting the Service Level Agreement.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 This is a continuation of previous funding and therefore there are no new financial implications of significance.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

- 4.1 This work is an important way in which the Constabulary is transparent in its use of Stop and Search and is a component part of its 'Better Use of Stop and Search' planned activity and supports the Police and Crime Commissioner in his governance of the force.

5 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 The PCC is recommended to agree the funding of £4,400, annually, from the corporate budget for the four-year period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2024, to ISCRE for delivery of the service as outlined in the report.

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 PCC.



Signature:

Date 05.08.2020