

**ORIGINATOR: HEAD OF POLICY AND  
PERFORMANCE**

**DECISION NUMBER: 11 - 2021**

**REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION**

**SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

**SUBJECT: MULTI-AGENCY PROJECT TO PREVENT MODERN SLAVERY**

**SUMMARY:**

- 1 The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) applied to the Modern Slavery Organised Immigration Crime Programme (MSOICP) 'Small grants fund for Police and Crime Commissioners to tackle modern slavery' for £3k and was successful.
- 2 The application was submitted with multi-agency support, requesting funding to create short films to support Modern Slavery practitioner training, and awareness raising across Suffolk (which would be match-funded by the PCC and Suffolk County Council to the value of £1.5k each to meet the full project costs).
- 3 The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 enables the PCC to 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.

In applying this provision, the PCC will ensure that services are consistent with the Suffolk Police and Crime Plan.

- 4 This report seeks approval for the £1.5k match funding from the PCC, and requests that funding and the £3k of funding from the successful application, be transferred to Suffolk County Council for the project to be delivered.

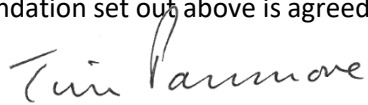
**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that £1.5k match funding is approved by the PCC, and that funding, alongside the £3k of funding from the successful application, be transferred to Suffolk County Council for the project to be delivered.

**APPROVAL BY: PCC**

The recommendation set out above is agreed.

**Signature**



**Date** 15.02.21

## DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

### 1. KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) applied for £3k to the Modern Slavery Organised Immigration Crime Programme (MSOICP) Small grants fund for Police and Crime Commissioners to tackle modern slavery. The application was developed with Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Constabulary, and provided a multi-agency proposal to develop further training, and create films to support training for practitioners and raise awareness amongst agencies and community groups across the county. The application was successful.
- 1.2 The full project costs were expected to be in the region of £6k so the application was made on the basis that the additional £3k would be met by match-funding of £1.5k each from the PCC and Suffolk County Council.
- 1.3 The PCC 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 services are consistent with the Suffolk Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021.

- 1.4 In addition to vulnerable victims being a priority in the Police and Crime Plan, Modern Slavery has been identified as a strategic priority for the Safer and Stronger Communities Board (upon which the PCC is a member) and the three Suffolk Community Safety Partnerships.
- 1.5 The project will enhance and develop the knowledge, skills and awareness of frontline practitioners in statutory and voluntary agencies in Suffolk in relation to modern slavery and human trafficking.
- 1.6 The work builds on initial awareness training sessions delivered by Unseen in 2019/2020 for frontline professionals, funded from the Modern Slavery Police Transformation Fund (2019/2020). The new programme of training, delivered by The Children's Society will focus on supporting practitioners to use the National Referral Model (NRM) alongside this, the funding secured will be used to produce three short films. Each film will show a different scenario using different premises/locations where evidence suggests frontline staff may come across potential victims of modern slavery. The films will include different types of exploitation e.g. forced criminality and sexual exploitation and the scenarios will be based on the data/evidence provided by Suffolk Constabulary in order to prevent modern slavery in the communities and sectors most at risk in Suffolk.
- 1.7 The scenarios will demonstrate that the first impression, along with individual misconception and bias, can result in signs of exploitation being missed. The films will expose that victims may not be aware that they are being trafficked or exploited and show the reality that modern slavery and exploitation is happening in Suffolk.
- 1.8 People respond to, and process, visual data better than any other type of data. The human brain processes visual content much faster than text. The films will support frontline

professionals with skills and confidence to ask the right questions and know what to do if they consider they have identified a potential victim of exploitation and trafficking.

- 1.9 The project implementation is being taken forward by a working group, represented upon which are colleagues from Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Constabulary. Intended outcomes and outputs were set out in the application to MSOICP. A report on the delivery of the project will be provided on project completion to fulfil the requirements of the MSOICP and PCC funding.

## **2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

- 2.1 The funding is derived from the £3k award from the MSOICP Small grants fund for Police and Crime Commissioners to tackle modern slavery, and up to £1.5k from the PCC crime and disorder commissioning budget. Suffolk County Council will invoice for the funding at the appropriate time.
- 2.2. The Children's Society training has been secured by Suffolk County Council, who will manage and report on the overall project. Suffolk County Council has also pledged match funding of £1.5k towards the project.

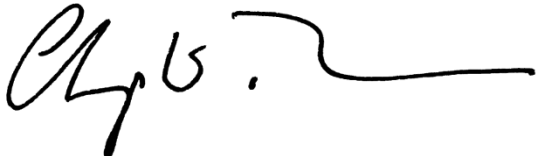
## **3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:**

- 3.1 Project delivery has been hampered by the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown and whilst the project group are working on aspects of delivery, and the production work will be ordered, the films cannot be produced and finalised until the current lockdown conditions are removed. The terms of the MSOICP funding state that this funding must be spent by 31 March 2021 and Suffolk County Council is aware of this requirement. However, this delay means that the £1.5k grant from the PCC however might not be fully utilised until early in the 2021/22 financial year.
- 3.2 No risks appearing on the PCC's Risks Registers are engaged by this report and there is no need to add a further risk to either of those Risk Registers.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	N/A
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
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).

<b>Chief Executive</b>	
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 15.02.21