

**ORIGINATOR: HEAD OF COMMISSIONING**

**DECISION NUMBER: 1 - 2023**

**REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION**

**SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

**SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF SUFFOLK POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S  
FUND, ROUND 31, DECEMBER 2022**

**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.
2. The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund was established in February 2014 to support organisations that can contribute to delivering the Police and Crime Plan objectives. The fund became operational on 1 April 2014.
3. A Grant Panel was established to consider applications and make recommendations on grant awards to the PCC who determines every grant award.
4. This decision paper sets out the recommendation to approve two applications totalling £38,250 and to commit a further £12,550 of grant funding from the PCC's grant allocation in 2023/24 towards the continuation of one initiative in year 2 of the respective project.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that:

1. The PCC approves the grants to be made through the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund.
2. The PCC approves continuation funding from the grant allocation in 2023/24 for year 2 of one of the projects as set out in Appendix A.

**APPROVAL BY: PCC**

The recommendation set out above is agreed.



**Signature:**

**Date: 3 January 2023**

## DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) can commission services that:
- secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in Suffolk;
  - 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.
- 1.2 This report provides a summary of the grants recommended for funding through the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund in December 2022.

### 2. SUFFOLK POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S FUND

- 2.1 The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund is administered by Suffolk Community Foundation and was previously known as the Safer Suffolk Fund. More information on the establishment of the Fund can be found on the PCC website: [Decision Paper 10–2014](#).
- 2.2 In February 2022, a [new Police and Crime Plan](#) for the period 2022-2025 was published and the criteria for applications to the PCC Fund was aligned to the new objectives within the plan. The terms of reference were also updated to reflect the new objectives and the parameters in which the Fund will operate in.
- 2.3 The Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund seeks to support organisations that can show clear measurable outcomes that address the objectives of the Police and Crime Plan for Suffolk. These outcomes have been strengthened and are specified in each application to the fund.
- 2.4 Applications were considered where links are made with the following key areas of the Police and Crime Plan:
- **Vulnerable people** – who are or could be a target for crime. This could include people who are or could be a target for crime (including people with protected characteristics), or those vulnerable due to the nature of the crime they are suffering e.g. are persistently targeted or suffering online crime, modern slavery, hate crime or abuse.
  - **Victims of crime** – helping people cope with the immediate impact of the crime and recover from the harm caused – especially where partnerships are formed to support victims.
  - **Serious Violence** – initiatives to support those at risk of offending and becoming victims of knife crime, gang activity and county lines.
  - **Young people** – positive engagement schemes to reduce crime and disorder with a focus on those who are disadvantaged or at risk of offending and provide opportunities for young people.
  - **Drugs and Substance Abuse** – supporting those who have drug and alcohol issues to positively impact on crime and disorder reduction.
  - **Preventing reoffending** – working with those who offend to reduce re-offending. This could include schemes to support offenders and ex-offenders to improve their skills and support their rehabilitation into the community.

- **Reducing crime** – we will consider applications where an evidential link can be made with reducing crime and disorder.

2.5 The panel, established to consider the grant applications, includes a representative of the PCC's executive team and Chairs of the local Community Safety Partnerships (Ipswich, West Suffolk, East Suffolk). The Panel is chaired by the PCC who is responsible for final determination of each award.

2.6 The meeting to discuss the applications for Round 31 was held online.

2.7 The decisions for all previous grant awards can be found on the [PCC's website](#) along with a summary of impact for the grants awarded between January 2020 and June 2022.

### **3. PROPOSED GRANTS FOR FUNDING**

3.1 Details of the grants proposed can be found in Appendix A.

3.2 Conditions, including monitoring arrangements, for each award are agreed between Suffolk Community Foundation on behalf of the PCC and the recipient.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The recommended grants from Round 31 of the panel total £38,250.

4.2 The recommended grants awarded include one multi-year project with funding of £12,550 for year 2. This is subject to Suffolk Community Foundation's due diligence and review by the panel before they proceed in year 2. Funding will be allocated from the PCC Fund's grant allocation in 2023/24.

### **5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

5.1 There are no major implications or risks associated with this decision paper.

### **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 It is recommended that:

1. The PCC approves the grants to be made through the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund.
2. The PCC approves continuation funding from the grant allocation in 2023/24 for year 2 of one of the projects as set out in Appendix A.

| <b>ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)</b>   | <b>PLEASE STATE<br/>'YES' OR 'NO'</b> |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Has legal advice been sought on this submission?  | <b>NO</b>                             |
| Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?   | <b>NO</b>                             |
| Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate? | <b>YES</b>                            |
| Have human resource implications been considered?   | <b>YES</b>                            |
| Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?                                  | <b>YES</b>                            |
| Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?               | <b>YES</b>                            |
| Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?              | <b>YES</b>                            |
| Have all relevant ethical factors been taken into consideration in developing this submission?                      | <b>YES</b>                            |

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**

##### **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: 3 January 2023**

## SUFFOLK POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S FUND 2022/23

| Organisation  | Benefit Area  | Funding purpose  | Police and Crime Plan objectives  | Grant Awarded  | Year 2 Funding |
|---|---|--|---|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Summary of grants awarded – Round 31 (December 2022)</b> |   |  |   |                |                |
| Forces Employment Charity                                   | County-wide but in particular Ipswich, Lowestoft, Bury St Edmunds, Mildenhall | <p>Towards Suffolk 'Project Nova'.</p> <p>Support for Suffolk-based Armed Forces Veterans within the Criminal Justice System to break the cycle of offending. Issues addressed are barriers to employment, such as mental health, homelessness, and substance misuse. During 2021/22, referrals increased by 79% when compared to the previous year.</p> <p>Funding will support 60 beneficiaries.</p>   | <p>Objective 2: Initiatives which reduce crime and disorder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Investment in solutions which reduce reoffending, prevent crime, or improve community safety</li> <li>- Reduce the demand on police (i.e. ASB, crime and disorder)</li> <li>- Support those with substance misuse issues</li> </ul> <p>Objective 4: Partnership work to enhance community safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work with partners to reduce reoffending and prevent crime</li> </ul>  | £20,000        |                |
| Ipswich Community Media and Learning CIO                    | Ipswich   | <p>Weekly diversionary activities for disadvantaged young people (aged 13 – 18) who have offended or are at risk of offending. Youth Workers will mentor, support and upskill the young people engaging in the project through music, radio, film and creative arts.</p> <p>The grant funding will support 53 beneficiaries per year. 35 young people will receive intensive 1:1 support and a further 18 young people will be supported through group work.</p> | <p>Objective 2: Initiatives which reduce crime and disorder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support vulnerable young people through initiatives which divert them from criminality and enhance their skills</li> <li>- Investment in solutions that prevent crime and disorder, or improve community safety</li> <li>- Reduce the demand on police (i.e. ASB, crime and disorder)</li> </ul> <p>Objective 4: Partnership work to enhance community safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support initiatives which benefit young people</li> <li>- Work with partners to reduce reoffending and prevent crime</li> </ul> | £18,250        | £12,550        |
|   |   |  |   | <b>£38,250</b> | <b>£12,550</b> |