



**ORIGINATOR: ACTING CHIEF CONSTABLE**

**DECISION NUMBER: 21 - 2025**

**REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION**

**SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC)**

**SUBJECT: HOTSPOT ACTION FUND – 2025 - 2026**

**SUMMARY:**


1. The Home Office have offered grant funding of £1m for the continuation of Hotspot policing activity in Suffolk from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.
2. The Constabulary, in consultation with partners and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, developed and submitted a plan setting out the proposed activity which has been accepted by the Home Office.
3. If accepted by the Police and Crime Commissioner, this funding will support the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan objective to improve public confidence through an effective response to the public and proactive approach to crime prevention. It will also support the Government's 'Safer Streets Mission' to halve knife crime over the next ten years and to crack down on anti-social behaviour (ASB).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. It is recommended that the Police and Crime and Commissioner (PCC) accepts the terms and enters into the 2025/26 Home Office Hotspot Action Fund Grant Agreement.

**APPROVAL BY PCC**

The recommendation set out above is agreed.

**Signature:** 

**Date:** 3 July 2025

## DETAILS OF SUBMISSION

### 1. KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1.1 The Government's Hotspot Action Fund guidance for 2025/26 was published in March 2025, with a deadline for submission of proposals by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

The Constabulary, in consultation with partners and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, developed and submitted a plan setting out the proposed activity.

The guidance sets out that it is mandatory that all 43 force areas:

- Ensure that they meet the target of delivering 9,000 to 13,500 hours of visible patrolling in the hotspots per £1m funding that they receive.
- Ensure patrols are targeted at the hottest times and hottest segments within hotspots by providing this information to those patrolling.
- Ensure patrols are not in direct response to a crime that has just occurred. They should be proactive and based on long-term incident data or local intelligence. Data collection systems used by Constabularies must be able to distinguish between proactive and reactive visits to a hotspot.
- Deploy only high visibility foot patrols as eligible for funding. The Home Office will not consider plain-clothes patrols as eligible.
- Produce a proactive plan/schedule for patrols that allows for an annual estimate of total patrol hours and share this plan with the Home Office.
- Return data for all relevant patrols (irrespective of their duration).
- Return data on visible policing activity, which is a result of Scanning, Analysis, Response, Assessment (SARA) plans.
- Have sufficient dedicated analytical capability to support the programme. The Home Office expect one full time analyst, or an equivalent resource to support the effective delivery of the programme.
- As part of the ASB commitments within the Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee and Plan for Change, as mentioned above, Constabularies should include details on ASB hotspot patrols within the ASB Action Plan(s) and how they will factor this in.

- 1.2 In development of the plan, the Constabulary used Geospatial analysis at Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) level to identify hotspot areas and then overlayed this with temporal analysis to give direction around the time of patrols for the hotspot locations identified. This identified hotspot areas and times to focus activity around.

- 1.3 Appropriate tactical interventions have been identified and will be deployed alongside partnership activity and problem-solving initiatives to meet the requirements of the fund and maximise the positive impact for the communities in Suffolk.

- 1.4 Activity will be monitored against the key objectives of the project; namely, reduction in the number of crimes or incidents and the use of funded patrol hours. The results of the activity will be reported to the Home Office and form part of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk's scrutiny programme.

- 1.5 Partners who participated in the 24/25 fund have been involved in the development of the proposed activity, and where previous activity was shown to be effective, this learning has been used for this year's plan. Partner diversion activity such as sports activities and mentorship, as well as focused activities around schools, will be utilised as part of the plan to prevent ASB, knife crime and serious violence.

## 2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 The funding has been broken down into the proposed following areas:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Analytical Activity	£70,366.38	£56,697.90	£31,360.96	£31,360.96	£189,786.20
Patrol Activity	£105,740.28	£105,740.28	£155,992.88	£155,992.88	£523,466.32
Problem-orientated Policing (POP) Activity	£71,288.27	£71,516.05	£71,971.58	£71,971.58	£286,747.48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£247,394.93</b>	<b>£233,954.23</b>	<b>£259,325.42</b>	<b>£259,325.42</b>	<b>£1,000,000.00</b>

## 3. OTHER IMPLICATONS AND RISKS

- 3.1 **Patrol Hours** – There is a risk that targeted hours will either not be hit due to lack of take up/delayed start to the project or go over budget due to hours undertaken. The project team monitor this closely each month and will work to scale up or down as required to mitigate this risk.

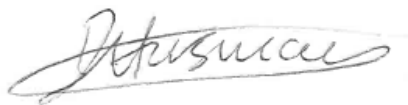
ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	No
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	Yes
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes
Have human resource implications been considered?	No
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

##### 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 July 2025