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Enhancing Support for Leicester's At-Risk Women

I was delighted to attend the launch of the Saffires Project's brand-new engagement van. The van will be used for street outreach for sex workers in Leicester City.

I currently provide the Saffires Project with £10k of funding through my Commissioners Safety Fund. This part funds the salary of a Street Outreach Manager who coordinates outreach sessions throughout Leicester City. The new van will be used by the project to better engage with service users,

providing support through signposting, and offering practical help and emotional support where required.

The project aims to support at least 30 at-risk women and ultimately reduce the vulnerability of women to crime and violence, and facilitating them to exit sex work. The work of the project will also help and support Leicestershire Police to respond to perpetrators of crimes against sex workers.

Delivering Neighbourhood Policing across Leicestershire



I'm pleased to tell you that Leicestershire Police are mobilising to deliver the Government's Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee. While it remains unclear if this will be funded by the government, I share the aim to strengthen community policing, putting an extra 13,000 police officers into communities by 2029, including an extra 35 in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland over the next year.

I remain sceptical as to how this is being delivered. These extra 13,000 officers need to be in addition to what we have already, and not simply a reshuffle of existing resource.

I will be holding the government to account robustly on this issue.

Since my election, I've championed strong, visible, and accessible policing. I believe every community deserves a named, contactable officer who understands local concerns and works closely with residents and businesses to address them.

I'm pleased the National Police Chiefs' Council has confirmed that Leicestershire Police already meets this key requirement, including providing 'Your Area' information online and complying with the Named, Contactable Officer Pledge.

Targeted police activity on our streets this summer

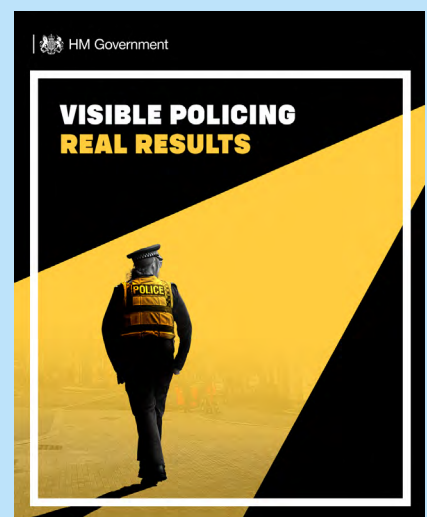
Over the course of the summer, you are going to see increased levels of policing activity in Leicester city centre and major town centres.

This is part of the Government 'Safer Streets Summer Initiative', which aims to make our town centres safer and more welcoming during the summer period by tackling town centre crime and anti-social behaviour.

Leicestershire Police, my office and all Local

Authorities within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland have collaborated and created a plan that will deliver what the Government have requested and more. Retail crime will be a key priority within the campaign, alongside anti-social behaviour and street crime.

I look forward to reporting back to you on the results of this campaign, which runs from the start of July to the end of September.



Bolstering Medical Support in Leicester's Night Time Economy

Late night revellers in Leicester City will have extra support on hand thanks to funding I provide to Leicester City Community Safety Partnership (CSP). St John Ambulance will provide first aid and medical care for the night time economy. Provisions include a static treatment centre, a double crewed ambulance, an advanced life support provider and first aid teams.

£22k is being invested in the project through the grant I provide to CSP's. Where demand permits, the provision will also support

East Midlands Ambulance Service by responding to 999 calls relating to the night time economy in Leicester City.

This will dramatically reduce ambulance wait times, and ensure that those who are in need get the help they need faster. The project will be managed in kind by Leicester Business Improvement District, who will also provide communication support, helping to keep the public informed on the work of the project.



Deterring Shoplifting and Violence on our High Streets



In my Police and Crime, I promised to get tough on business crime. To do everything possible to reduce shoplifting and eliminate assaults on shopworkers.

As part of this campaign, I am funding 110 Body-Worn Video (BWV) Cameras worth £52,000 to independent retailers who are frequently the target of violence and shoplifting. I am inviting Community Safety Partnerships and Business Improvement Districts to apply for up to 25 BWVs for allocation to

eligible retailers in their areas.

The need for tougher action in tackling shoplifting and assaults on shopworkers has been a recurring theme on my Community Days when I meet with businesses and shop workers. These cameras are a simple yet highly effective tool for increasing confidence in shop workers, will capture vital evidence to bring more offenders to justice, and will help create a safer and more secure environment.

Strong Action Against Anti-Social Behaviour in Leicester City

Tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB) is vitally important. Residents, shoppers and workers across the City deserve to be able to go about their lives without being subject to ASB.

In Leicester City, a new Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) is now in place to tackle ASB in the City Centre head on. Ahead of the implementation of the PSPO, and to get an

understanding of the work that takes place as part of it, I joined Wardens working with Leicester City Council on an early morning patrol of the City Centre.

It was an eye opening experience, and highlighted that proactive engagement with those likely to commit ASB actively leads to its prevention.



£160k Boost for Community Crime Prevention

I have selected sixteen organisations to benefit from £160k worth of grant funding in the second round of my Commissioner's Safety Fund, to support efforts to tackle the root cause of crime and anti-social behaviour in communities.

I believe in a 'prevention over cure' strategy, and will do whatever it takes to protect people from being drawn into crime.

That is why I have sought out and commissioned services that help residents, especially young people, thrive while empowering communities to take ownership of local problems and work together to find solutions.

I am really pleased with the breadth of the projects being supported in this round. For a full list of recipients, click below.



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