

# POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE *DECISION RECORD*

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## DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**Date:** 27 March 2013

**Officers present:** Strategic Partnership Board

**Received in OPCC Date:** As at meeting on 27 March 2013

**OPCC Ref:**

EXE 0023/13

**Title:** Anti Social Behaviour – Sentinel Project Manager

### Summary of Issue:

Leicestershire Police and the County, District and Borough Councils work in partnership to record, manage and reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) across their localities. In order to support this effective management, a system was commissioned by the Community Safety Programme Board on behalf of the partners in mid-2010 for the recording and management of ASB. This system is known as Sentinel.

Sentinel is a comprehensive system and has been in use, to varying degrees, across the partner bodies since it was commissioned. Leicestershire Police have funded significant system development during this time which has benefitted all partners involved. Charnwood Borough Council has also been a significant leader of the system. Further developments are planned as the system needs to meet the current and future requirements of the partners going forward.

To date the partners' day to day governance and system management needs have been supported by Charnwood Borough Council in the form of a project manager and an overall project lead. Leicestershire Police have, due to resourcing implications, been required to provide additional internal support in the form of a project officer to oversee system development and project governance within the larger partner organisation.

Going forward there are a number of development needs due to the changing landscape from central government (with an anticipated ASB Act), Community Triggers, Family Intervention requirements and safeguarding obligations. The partners will be required to continue support in order to ensure that not only the system is fit for purpose but their ability to manage day to day administrative and technical requirements is met.

Charnwood Borough Council cannot afford to continue to provide the level of support that they have contributed to date and have been withdrawing that support gradually

since the end of March 2013.

The partners have agreed to contribute to the funding of a support post in order to fill that gap, but the funding available is significantly short of that required to suitably fund the post. Given the importance of this project for the effective management of ASB across the Leicestershire Police area, the Commissioner offered, at the Strategic Partnership Board on 27 March 2013, to contribute a further £10,000 from the Community Safety Fund for 2013/14.

**Recommendations presented:**

That the Commissioner contributes up £10,000 from the Community Safety Fund to the cost of the Sentinel project manager post for 2013/14, with partners providing the remainder of the funding. It is intended that the partnership establish a 'business as usual' working capacity in readiness for the start of 2014/15 with appropriate funding in place.

**Key discussion points at meeting**

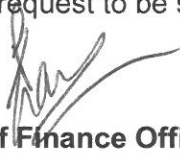
- The importance of the Sentinel project to the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan objective to "provide a good quality of service and response to victims of ASB".
- Relevance of use of the Community Safety Fund
- Partnership contributions should be equitable if at all possible accepting there may be disparity in service requirement at varying times.
- Police Contribution considerations.
- Requirement for a full time role.

**OFFICE OF PCC APPROVAL**

**Chief Finance Officer:**

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner

**Signature:**



**Title: Chief Finance Officer**

**Name: Peter Lewis**

**Date: 06 08 2013**

**Publication Scheme**

**Decision of Monitoring Officer:**

As Monitoring Officer for the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for

Leicestershire I have determined that:

It is appropriate to publish this record of decision made by the Police and Crime Commissioner : **Yes / ~~Part Redacted~~ / No**

It is appropriate to publish the contents of the report proposing this course of action prepared by either of the senior post holders in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire (i.e. either the Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer) : **Yes / ~~Part Redacted~~ / No**

It is appropriate to publish details of the decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire : **Yes / ~~Part Redacted~~ / No**

**Reasons for any non Publication (referencing appropriate legislation):**

Signature: Paul Stock  
Monitoring Officer

Name: PAUL STOCK Date: 6/8/13

**Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire**

Having received the advice set out above and reviewed relevant documentation my decision in regard of this matter is:

**APPROVED / ~~NOT APPROVED~~**

Signature: Clive Loader  
Sir Clive Loader

Date: 6/8/13

