

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE *DECISION RECORD*

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DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Date: 4.09.2023

Officers present: Rupert Matthews and Andy Champness

Received in OPCC Date: 04/9/23

OPCC Ref: EXE0041 -23

The Pathfinder Initiative

Summary of Issue:

To provide funding of £29,290.00 for the Pathfinder Initiative. The funding to be weighted toward the first year to support the delivery of 6 Pathfinder events (2 per year) within the Leicestershire PCC area over a three-year period.

Year one	Year two	Year Three	Total
£14,750	£8,860	£5,680	£29290.00

Pathfinder is an effective means of reducing KSIs contributing to the development of community safety and road crime reduction in line with the Police and Crime Plan and its requirement for improvement in road safety. Running since 2008 and in multiple locations across the country, evaluation of the results (www.u17ccctrust.org/research/) shows a reduction in collision rates from 1 in 4.5 (DfT Stats) to 1 in 19.

Pathfinder has been running continuously in Gloucestershire, West Mercia and Yorkshire since 2011 (with early experiments in 2008/9) and has provided tuition to around 1500 students over that time.

The statistics gathered by the Pathfinder Initiative provides compelling evidence that the education and experience offered have a significant, measurable impact on the safety of novice drivers. It appears to make them more skilled drivers, demonstrated by the lower accident rate, greater success rate in the DVSA test, and lower likelihood of committing Motoring Offences once qualified.

Graduates of the schemes are very likely to recommend them to others.

Evidence drawn from the work undertaken by the Pathfinder initiative has been submitted to the House of Commons Parliamentary Transport Committee on several occasions for Inquiries into Novice Driver Safety and has influenced recommendations arising. The evidence provided has helped PCCs across the country provide assurance that they are successfully addressing road safety.

Recommendation(s) presented:

To agree to fund the Pathfinder Initiative

Key discussion points

OFFICE OF PCC APPROVAL

Chief Executive or 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:

Name: Kira Hughes

Date: 26/10/23

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**

It is appropriate to publish details of the decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire : **Yes**

Reasons for any non Publication (referencing appropriate legislation): None

Signature:

Name: Claire Trewartha

Date: 27/10/23

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:

Supported

Signature Rani Mahal

Date: 1/11/23