

Decision Record Template



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Date of Decision: **13th February 2026**

Lead Officer: Sajjan Devshi

Decision Record URN: EXE0009-26

Title: Business Crime Grants

Decision summary:

This decision concerns the allocation of Business Crime funding for the 2025–2026 financial year. The PCC has ring-fenced this funding to support businesses in tackling retail crime, directing it to partners across LLR who are best placed to provide effective support to local businesses within this sector.

This funding round opened on **16/12/2025** and closed on **07/02/2026**.

10 applications were submitted during this time and assessed on suitability for supporting against the business crime priority from within the Police and Crime plan.

Upon review, **9** applications were approved to be awarded funding which equates to **£46,853.00**.

Decision Sought:

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Project Brief</u>	<u>Priority Area</u>	<u>Sum Requested</u>
Bid Leicester	Leicester City BWV	During the previous round involving BWV, BID Leicester received 25 BWV with the cloud license funded for 1 year. This application helps fund the cloud service for an additional 2 years bringing the cloud service coverage to 3 years in total.	Business Crime	£5200.00
Love Loughborough	Business Premises Security	The project will deliver a grant scheme to support businesses in strengthening security for their premises. Examples include shopfront shutters, upgraded CCTV systems, visible crime-prevention materials and deterrents.	Business Crime	£5270.00
Blaby District Council	Geofencing Bollards and CCTV Broadband	The installation of a bollard to protect businesses from ram-raiders, as well as pedestrians. The Geofencing campaign allows for a deterrent and increased vigilance from shop-goers and the upgraded CCTV system improves infrastructure and crime detection capability.	Business Crime	£4900.00
Hinckley and Bosworth Council	Retail Radio Sustainability	Improvement of the existing retail radio network. Additional radios, chargers, batteries to be purchased.	Business Crime	£5183.00
Ashby BID	Ashby Retail Radios	The purchase of 10 retail radios.	Business Crime	£5250.00
Harborough District Council	Harborough District Business Safety Scheme	Purchase of BWV and credits for E-learning courses for retail staff	Business Crime	£5260.00

Melton Bid	Melton Smart Phase 2	Funding to continue DISC subscription, retail radios, offender to recovery contribution, safer soccer campaign, SMART zone signage and ASB hotspot support.	Business Crime	£5250.00
Oadby and Wigston Council	Business Safety Support Event	The purchase of personal safety items, promotion of reporting routes for business crime, security items for high-value stock and the promotion of an event for public engagement.	Business Crime	£5270.00
Rutland County Council	Rutland Retail Crime Initiative	The funding of DISC retail and purchase of refurbished retail radio handsets.	Business Crime	£5270.00

Supporting information

1) Background information

Funding for Business Crime was established by the PCC last year in 2025 to support retailers due to significant increased reports of business crime. An initial £100k was set aside for this work with the first phase of the project involving the purchase and distribution of Body Worn Video cameras (BWVs). Working with applicants and stakeholders from each area, The OPCC co-produced how the remaining funding (£47,452) was to be used and it was unanimously agreed that each area would like to apply to do different interventions in their area. This OPCC subsequently opened the above grant round with the remaining funding of £47,452 to be distributed allowing key representatives of each area to apply for up to £5270.

2) Detail of additional information attached.

N/A

3) Expected benefits.

The fund aligns with the Police and Crime Plan, specifically business crime. Business crime has increased nationally and LLR is no different in this respect. Shoplifting is seen as an inherent

issue across all LLR areas and has also been identified in the problem profile data packs for every area as a key priority.

We would therefore expect to see some positive impact against this crime type, either with improved detection, evidence gathering and subsequent enforcement. Additionally, in the longer-term, we would expect to see decreases in retail crime in the beneficiary areas.

4) Impact of not approving the application

Without funding, Business Crime is likely to continue to be an inherent issue albeit at likely higher levels or with less deterrence. The measures proposed by each organisation looks to directly contribute to the reduction of business crime and without such, detection, evidence gathering and an active deterrence against this crime type is unlikely. It is hoped these measures if implemented effectively can contribute to the long-term reduction of business crime.

5) Financial implications (including any cost savings)

£46,853.00 from the allocated Business Crime budget leaving a total of £599.00 remaining.

6) Consultations (Details of any consultations that have been carried out or reason as to why no consultations has taken place):

The area of focus has come directly from the Police and Crime Plan (Business Crime) and consultations occurred with key partners across each area working within the Business/retail sector that is affected by this crime type which were predominantly BIDs (Business Improvement Districts). Where BIDs were not viable or involved in a given location, the local community safety team that work alongside Leicestershire Police in supporting interventions in this space were consulted with.

This included:

- BID Leicester
- LoveLoughborough
- Blaby District Council
- Hinckley BID and Hinckley and Bosworth Council
- Ashley BID
- Harborough District Council
- Oadby and Wigston Council
- Rutland County Council

7) Collaboration (is there an opportunity to collaborate with partners)

Collaboration with partners occurred through a co-production event prior to this grant opening. It was through this work that this grant round was established and agreed with key partners working in the retail/business sector.

8) Equality, Diversity & Human Rights implications

All projects funded have declared that they have the necessary policies in place and are available upon request.

9) Legal comments

All participating organisations must comply with safeguarding laws, data protection (GDPR) regulations, and equality legislation, ensuring secure, lawful, and inclusive service delivery.

10) Publication

It is appropriate to publish this record of decision made by the Police and Crime Police and Crime Commissioner: **Yes**

It is appropriate to publish the contents of the supporting papers:
Yes

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

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

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Chief Finance Officer:

Comments: approved

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report and assurances sought have been outlined within the report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Signature:

Name:

Date: 24/03/2026

Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer:

Comments: approved

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Signature

Name

Date 24/03/2026

Police and Crime 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

I confirm that my register of interests' declaration is up to date and that none of my interests preclude me from making this decision.

Signature:

Date:

Name of Police and Crime Commissioner: