

Decision Record



**POLICE & CRIME
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Leicestershire & Rutland
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Date of Decision: 19th January 2026

Lead Officer: Kira Knott, Chief Finance Officer

Decision Record URN: EXE0013-26

Title: **Crime Prevention Fund**

Decision summary:

Establishment of a Crime Prevention Fund/Reserve to support Crime Prevention Activity.

Decision Sought:

The approval for establishment of a Crime Prevention Fund/Reserve to support initiatives that reduce crime, improve community safety and fund preventative interventions within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

The fund will be created as an earmarked reserve with the PCC's financial framework and will be used to support projects aligned with community safety, crime reduction and the Police and Crime Plan objectives.

Supporting information

1) Background information

Purpose of the Fund

The purpose of the Crime Prevention Fund is to support preventative, evidence-based interventions that reduce crime by:

- providing financial support for targeted crime prevention activities.
- enabling rapid deployment of funding to respond to emerging crime trends.
- supporting programmes designed to reduce demand on policing services.
- strengthening multi-agency partnerships working to prevent crime.
- investing in innovative approaches to community safety.
- enabling early intervention and preventative activities that's reduces offending and reoffending.
- supporting the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan.

Funding Arrangements

The Crime Prevention Fund will operate as an earmarked reserve, allowing funding to be allocated flexibly across financial years to support prevention initiatives.

The fund will be financed through:

- a transfer from the 2026/27 revenue budget of £0.664m
- a transfer from the Commissioning reserve of £1.2m
- a transfer from the Budget Equalisation Reserve of £2.5m

The initial allocation to the reserve will be £4.364m

Governance and Oversight

The fund will be administered in accordance with the joint financial regulations and corporate governance framework.

Governance Arrangements include:

- funding proposals assessed against crime prevention and demand reduction priorities and the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan
- Consideration of evidence of effectiveness or best practice
- Approval of funding by the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Monitoring and reporting of funded projects to assess outcomes and value for money.

Where appropriate, projects will be evaluated to demonstrate their impact on:

- Reducing crime or anti-social behaviour
- Reducing repeat offending
- Reducing demand on the police service
- Improving community safety outcomes.

Eligible Activities

The fund may support initiatives including (but not limited to):

- Youth diversion and prevention programmes
- Early intervention projects addressing vulnerability and exploitation

- Community-led crime prevention initiatives
- Environmental crime prevention measures such as improved lighting, target hardening or local safety schemes
- Partnership programmes aimed at reducing repeat demand and high frequency calls for services
- Projects addressing specific crime types that generate specific demand
- Pilot programmes testing innovation approaches to crime prevention and demand management.

Funding will normally be time-limited, and outcome focused.

2) Detail of additional information attached.

None

3) Expected benefits.

The establishment of the Crime Prevention Fund is expected to deliver a range of benefits including:

- Crime Reduction
- Demand Reduction in Policing
- Improved Community Safety
- Early Intervention and Prevention
- Better Use of Resources

4) Impact of not approving the application

The organisations' ability to invest in proactive crime prevention approaches may be limited, reducing the ability to invest in early intervention. Crime prevention will be competing with operational budgetary pressures and the long-term impact of the initiatives will not be realised. Other short-term pressures may be prioritised when resources are limited over the pro-active longer-term approach of crime prevention.

5) Financial implications (including any cost savings)

The creation of the Crime Prevention Fund will establish an earmarked reserve. Expenditure from the fund will be approved through the organisation's governance arrangements and will be subject to financial monitoring and audit.

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

The Crime Prevention fund was discussed and intentions set at the Financial Scrutiny and Oversight Board. The budget including the Crime Prevention fund was discussed at the a Police and Crime Panel meeting.

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

Effective crime prevention and demand reduction requires strong collaboration across organisations. The Crime Prevention Fund will support initiatives that involve partnership working between the OPCC, the Police and other agencies.

8) Equality, Diversity & Human Rights implications

Investment from the fund is expected to deliver positive outcomes for communities by:

- Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour
- Supporting vulnerable individuals and communities
- Addressing inequalities linked to crime and victimisation
- Improving perceptions of safety

Preventative activity funded through the reserve will contribute to safer communities and more sustainable policing demand.

9) Legal comments

The establishment of the fund supports statutory responsibilities relating to crime and disorder reduction and partnership working. All expenditure will comply with financial regulations, procurement rules, grant funding requirements and relevant governance and accountability arrangements.

10) Publication

To be completed

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):

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act) and other legislation. Unless the information provided is covered by an exemption and stated to be either confidential or partly confidential, the information contained in the form will be published on the OPCC website.

Chief Finance Officer:

Comments:

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: 5th March 2026

Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer:

Comments: Click here to enter text

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that legal and equalities advice have been taken into account in the preparation of this report and assurances sought have been outlined in this 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 05/03/2026

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

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: 17/03/2026

Name of Police and Crime Commissioner: