

Decision Record



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Date of Decision: 14th January 2026

Lead Officer: Kira Knott, Chief Finance Officer

Decision Record URN: EXE0015-26

Title: **Crime Prevention Fund Activity 2026/27**

Decision summary:

Approval of business case for crime prevention activity spend

Decision Sought:

To approve the following business cases from the crime prevention fund:

Business Case	Amount (£)
VAWG Lead	62,352
VAWG Community Champions	8,800
Complaints Capacity	87,027
Community Navigators	150,675
Mini Safer Streets	74,040
Young Persons Activity/Schools Holistic	73,000
Total Approved	455,894

Supporting information

1) Background information

In autumn 2025 the PCC requested that the CEX of the OPCC bring forward suggestions from the team for the allocation of the Crime Prevention Fund:

The Team prepared one-page summaries of ideas for that commissioning reserve on the basis that they should:

- a) Have either victim support or crime prevention as their core purpose and
- b) Be linked to an element(s) of the Police and Crime Plan and
- c) Have a strong evidence base of success in the area they are aiming to impact and
- d) Not lead to an ongoing burden to revenue budget – be task and finish or have a strong sustainability plan.

These one-page summaries were presented to the PCC and DPCC on the 20th October 2025. The following proposals in paragraphs five to eleven were requested to come back as full business cases.

The PCC and DPCC met on 14th January 2026 and agreed the following business cases (full business cases attached in additional information section):

A. VAWG Lead Role

Over the past year, the VAWG Lead role has delivered clear value to the OPCC through income generation, stakeholder engagement, and the development of initiatives that align with both local and national priorities. Extending the role for a further year will ensure that this momentum is maintained, that strategic opportunities are not lost, and that the OPCC continues to demonstrate strong leadership in tackling Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG). The Police Crime Plan has a full deliverable area for VAWG which the maintenance of this post will be crucial to meeting.

Preferred Option: Option 3

Agreed Option: Option 3

Amount: £62,352.00

B. VAWG Community Champions

The VAWG Community Champions programme trains trusted community members to recognise abuse, respond safely, and signpost victims to specialist services. It does not replace police reporting; it provides victims with safe, culturally appropriate pathways to support before they feel ready to engage with statutory services.

Preferred Option: Option 3

Agreed Option: Option 3

Amount: £8,800

C. Complaints capacity

This business case proposes the recruitment of a dedicated Analyst to design, implement, and maintain a Performance Framework for the Professional Standards Department (PSD). This role will strengthen our ability to monitor, understand, and improve professional standards, directly supporting organisational priorities around increasing public trust and confidence, enhancing internal culture, and addressing national concerns about police legitimacy.

Amount: £87,027

D. Community Navigators

This proposal seeks approval to invest in and commission a Community Navigator Service to complement the local Integrated Offender Management (IOM) programme, with the primary aims of increasing engagement with the programme and reducing reoffending and associated harm.

Preferred Option: Option 2

Agreed Option: Option 1 (1 year only)

Amount: £150,675

E. Mini Safer Streets

To expand the safer streets offer to additional areas within LLR with the aim of reducing and protecting people from burglary. This project has been very well received in the areas that it has already been delivered and has a strong evidence base of success. Funding ourselves, separate to Central Government gives us the ability to focus on different areas.

Amount: £74,040.00

F. Young Persons Activity/Schools Holistic proposal

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has requested a joint proposal focused on school aged children and young people (CYP) to build trust and confidence in policing and support crime prevention. Research shows that there is currently a gap for universal and engaging age-appropriate resources. There is also a gap in equipping officers and staff with practical tools for positive engagement while embedding youth and parent voice in co-design.

This proposal addresses these gaps through innovative and engaging, educational and engagement tools that help children around the age of criminal responsibility make informed, positive choices whilst simultaneously building trust and confidence in policing. Data shows that criminal involvement spikes

significantly, and continues to grow, at and beyond aged 12. Therefore, by targeting ages 9-11 years in particular, we can ensure diversion is achieved before behaviours start to cement and build positive relationships with policing.

Preferred Option: Option 1
Agreed Option: Option 3

Amount: £73,000

Business Cases not approved

The following business case has not been approved by the PCC and DPCC:

G. Sexual Violence Resources

This project aims to enhance victim support across Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland (LLR) by updating and expanding the reach of the LLR Sexual Violence Support Booklet. While building on an existing resource, the initiative introduces new elements including broader community engagement, improved accessibility, and structured survivor involvement.

Amount: £10,000

2) Detail of additional information attached.



Business Cases for
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3) Expected benefits.

All expected benefits included in business cases attached above

4) Impact of not approving the application

All impacts of not approving the decision record included in business cases attached above

5) Financial implications (including any cost savings)

All financial implication included in business cases attached above

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

Not required

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

Information regarding collaboration are included within the reports attached.

8) Equality, Diversity & Human Rights implications

Any implications are included within the business cases attached above.

9) Legal comments

Not applicable

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: 05/03/2026

Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer:

Comments: Click here to enter text

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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: