

PCC Decision Form

Title of Request	Name of Proposer (eg Chief Executive, Chief Constable, Director of Finance)	Date of Request
PCC Contribution – Citizens in Policing – Mini Police	Partnerships and Commissioning Manager	30/03/2021

Private / Exemption - Yes / No If Yes Reason Why (eg Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, Freedom of Information Act 2000)	Urgent (if Yes, Why and by When?)
No	

Decision Requested		
The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is recommended to approve funding to contribute to the citizens in policing and the Mini Police initiative to the value of £15,000.		
Executive Summary of Request	Supporting Report attached?	No
<p><u>Mini-Police</u></p> <p>Background</p> <p>The Mini Police initiative was first established in Durham Constabulary and has, in the past two years, been piloted and rolled out in a number of other Forces.</p> <p>The South Yorkshire Police (SYP) Community Safety department secured £15,000 funding via Devon & Cornwall Police. The funding was specific as to which areas could be targeted. This funding enabled SYP to pilot the scheme in ten South Yorkshire schools; four in Doncaster and six in Sheffield (this subsequently increased to eight). Further funding was provided by the Chief Constable to expand the scheme to six more schools; three in Rotherham and three in Barnsley.</p> <p>Current Schools</p> <p>Schools currently part of the programme are</p> <p>Barnsley – Milefield, Goldthrope, Bank End</p> <p>Doncaster – Edlington Victoria, Hill Top, St Marys, Longtoft</p> <p>Rotherham – Maltby Craggs, Eastwood Village, Brampton Ellis</p> <p>Sheffield – Woodthrope, Greengate Lane, Southey Green, Abbeyfield, Pye Bank, Grenoside, Woodhouse West, Athelstan</p> <p>Despite some complications due to Covid restrictions, all the school aim to resume and expand the programme as of September 2021.</p> <p>The Mini-Police programme focuses its engagement with a group of approximately ten Year 5 primary school children, per school, who receive eight educational inputs. The intention is that the Mini Police Officers then deliver the messages to their peers, thus increasing trust, confidence, provide safety messages and preventative education that will stay with them for life. The Mini Police continue into year 6 and a new cohort will be recruited from the new year 5s. Inputs are developed in conjunction with the schools, but include topics such as personal safety,</p>		

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off road bikes, Internet Safety, road safety and parking, hate crime, crime scene and ASB. The children will also plan and organise a community event in the new academic year and have an awards day at the end of the year.

The Devon & Cornwall funding initially received, was to deliver the programme in the most deprived areas where there are hard to reach and vulnerable communities. The children are invited to apply to be part of the programme and schools are encouraged to have a mix of abilities and needs within the group.

The programme is developed by the SYP Community Safety Department and some of the inputs are delivered by the department's Project Officers, but the sessions also need the support of a local PCSO or officer to provide resilience and enhance the sessions with local knowledge.

All pupils are provided with a uniform consisting of a cap, high viz vest, pocket note book and ID card. The schools have in the past also been provided with a banner to display at the school.

There is no evaluation to date although anecdotally it is well received and viewed positively by the schools and those involved.

Future

SYP wants to expand the initiative into a further 18 schools. The schools will be identified by the policing districts with the focus, as previously, on more deprived areas where communities are arguably harder to reach. There would be engagement opportunities for the PCC/OPCC as each mini-police initiative starts with a launch event and there is an end of programme reward day at Niagara.

Request

The PCC is asked to support the expansion of the mini-police initiative. The cost for expansion is approximately £15,000. This would fund the purchase of uniform and equipment to cover both the year 5s and 6s. The funding is non-recurrent as the equipment is repurposed when there is a new intake of mini police.

Recommendation

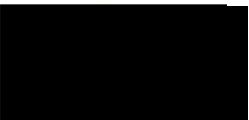
The initiative was discussed at an OPCC Senior Leadership Team meeting, it was supported by the Partnerships and Commissioning Manager, Head of VRU and the OPCC Communications and Engagement Manager. The PCC is recommended to support the expansion of the mini police initiative.

If agreed the SYP project lead will be provided with an OPCC budget code against which they will be able to spend up to £15,000 to expand the initiative. The project lead will be asked to provide information on the project expansion at mid-year and year end, to include numbers of schools engaged, numbers of young people involved and to invite the PCC to all launch and end of project days.

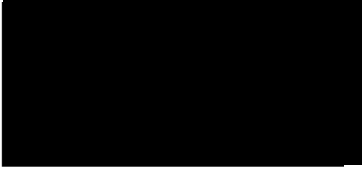
Approval by proposer (SLG lead / OPCC SMG lead) and confirmation request is ready for PCC consideration

Submitted for approval by the Partnerships and Commissioning Manager. There is sufficient funding in the one-off commissions line of the partnerships and commissioning budget to cover this amount

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Signed:		Date:	06/04/21
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Considerations	Evidence of information or advice gathered or discussion / consultation conducted	How has all this evidence impacted on overall proposal?
Public and / or Partners		
Impact on Service	Providing the funding as a one off commission demonstrates the PCCs' commitment to supporting vulnerable children and building trust and confidence in harder to reach communities across SY.	
Financial	The financial commitment is set out above and can be funded entirely from the 2021/22 one off commission budget line.	
Legal	The SYP project lead will be provided with a budget to spend against, the funding will not move from the OPCC budget.	
HR	n/a	
T/Unions / Staff Assoc.	n/a	
Equality & Diversity (Public Sector Equality Duty)	The children are invited to apply to be part of the programme and schools are encouraged to have a mix of abilities and needs within the group.	
Risks / Opportunities	The risk of not providing support to the project may limit the opportunity for educational interaction with certain communities across SY.	
Sustainability	Funding is offered on a one-time only basis.	
Other (specify)	n/a	

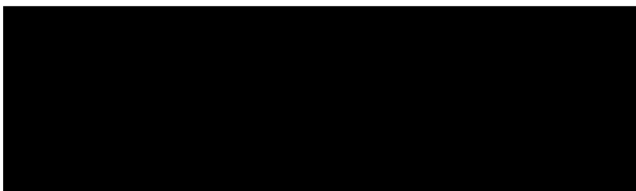
Views of PCC's Chief Finance & Commissioning Officer	
I support this, and the budget is in place.	
Signature:	
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Views of PCC's Chief Executive & Solicitor

I recommend for PCC approval.

Signature:



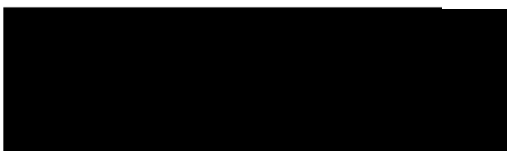
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PCC's Decision and Rationale

Approved.

Signature:



Date:

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OPCC GATEKEEPER (Information Officer)

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