



THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For Police and Crime Commissioner approval.

Title: Antisocial Behaviour Immediate Justice Pilot - Extension

Executive Summary:

Following the government’s pledge to clamp down on antisocial behaviour the antisocial behaviour action plan was launched in March 2023. A key objective of this plan is to see perpetrators of anti-social behaviour facing swift and visible justice for their actions. Cleveland was one of 10 trailblazer areas piloting the ASB Immediate Justice scheme from August 2023.

Following on from the pilot and acknowledging lessons learnt from the pilot areas, the government has confirmed that the ASB Immediate Justice scheme will continue running for a further six months in the pilot areas, before being rolled out nationally. This is to give time to develop the operating models and capture lessons learned from the different approaches to Immediate Justice adopted by each of the pilot areas.

Cleveland has developed two separate pathways to deliver Immediate Justice: one for adults and one for young people (age 12 – 17).

The adult model will take referrals through the new out of court disposal team, UTurn. We anticipate that the most likely candidates for Immediate Justice through this team will be those who have committed public order offences. Individuals will be encouraged to accept responsibility for their actions and make amends by contributing to activities within the community, designed to create benefits and improvements to community spaces. Where appropriate, the team will consult with the victim as part of the Immediate Justice process in order to try to ensure that victim’s needs and wishes are incorporated into the activity

The youth referral pathway for immediate justice, will be delivered through the existing Youth Offending Services (YOS) across Cleveland. This will identify young people from the age of 12, who have reached the stage of a second warning letter for antisocial behaviour, demonstrating persistent engagement with antisocial behaviour activities and risk of these behaviours escalating into criminal acts. This scheme has a greater focus on restorative / educational activity through existing frameworks in place in local YOS services as well as reparative activity to make good within the community. Where possible this will be victim informed with the option of linking in with YOS restorative workers.

Decision: To approve the following updated funding allocation for April 2024 – March 2025:

£435,605 to the National Probation Service to run the Immediate Justice program for adults (age 18 and over).

£457,880 to the Youth Offending Services within Cleveland to deliver the Immediate Justice program for young people (age 12 – 17). This is broken down as follows:

South Tees Youth Justice Team: £228,940

Hartlepool Youth Justice Team: £114,470

Stockton Youth Justice Team: £114,470

£75,820 to Cleveland Police for staff in the Uturn team

£30,695 to be held by the OPCC for management, admin and communications.

(Total value requested from central government: £1,000,000)

(This supersedes previous staffing costs agreed for April 2024 – August 2024)

OPCC Lead Officer: Denise Holian

Contractor Details (if applicable): North East Probation Service (NEPS), Stockton Youth Justice Service, Hartlepool Youth Justice Service, South Tees Youth Justice Service.

Implications:

Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality & Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(If yes please provide further details below)

Decision Required – Supporting Information

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC’s Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

The funding to support this decision is included within the agreed 2024-25 budget that was approved in February 2024. This funding is underpinned from communications from the Government setting out the level of grant funding to be received in 2024-25 for the areas covered by this decision.

This decision is therefore affordable to the PCC.

It is important to recognise that currently there is no confirmation that this funding will continue beyond 2024/25.

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

There are no legal implications arising.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed to consider any impacts on individuals with protected characteristics.

Human Rights Implications:

No human rights issues have been identified.

Sustainability Implications:

At the end of the funding period, the scheme will be evaluated to determine if it has delivered value for money. The funding allocation from central government for the scheme beyond March 2025 is unknown at the moment.

Risk Management Implications:

A risk register has been created and will be maintained throughout the project.

OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive

I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been taken into account. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signed



Date 23.07.24

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request has my approval.

Signed



Date 18/08/2024