

## Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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<b>DECISION OR INFORMATION:</b>	Decision
<b>DATE RECEIVED:*</b>	17/01/2022
<b>REF:*</b> (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2022.009

<b>TITLE:</b>	Policing Priorities Focus Groups and Safer Streets Interviews and Consultation
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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Before the end of March 2022, the PCC needs to procure the services of a research organisation to undertake the following:

- Policing priorities and budget setting focus groups;
- Street and residential surveys to measure impact in relation to Safer Streets 2 and 3; and
- Safer Streets – Safety of Women at Night – end of funding interviews/survey.

In order to undertake this work in a timely manner and to ensure consistency of service the PCC is asked to confirm her approval to contract with SMSR Research via a single tender award. This is a financial commitment of up to £22,050 with up to £7,000 coming from 2021/22 Community Safety Grant, £12,450 coming from Safer Streets 2 and 3 Home Office funding and £2,600 coming from Safer Streets (SWAN) Home Office funding.

### INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (eg report or business case)

#### **Policing Priorities and Budget Setting Focus Groups**

The PCC has a range of statutory responsibilities which include:-

- Issuing a Police and Crime Plan for the police force area setting out her strategic priorities for policing over the next four years
- Setting the budget for policing, including the amount local residents contribute to policing as part of their council tax precept
- Demonstrating, efficiency, effectiveness and value for money in the way public resources are used

In doing this, the PCC has a statutory requirement to consult local residents on their views. The PCC therefore wishes to undertake a series of virtual focus groups to provide qualitative insight

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into resident views of policing priorities to inform the planning and decision making for the 2022-23 period.

The cost for the design, organisation and facilitation of the focus groups along with the reporting of the findings is up to £7,000 (dependent on numbers of focus group participants) and will be paid for from the 2021/22 Community Safety Grant.

### **Street and Residential Surveys to measure impact in relation to Safer Streets 2 and 3**

In 2021/22 the PCC successfully received funding from the Home Office for Both Safer Streets 2 and 3 projects. The funding comes to an end at the end of March 2022. The PCC is keen to obtain the views of individuals living in the four target areas where Safer Streets Funding has been targeted. The findings from the surveys will help evaluate the work undertaken as part of the Safer Streets projects.

The cost for the survey design, fieldwork, online set up, data analysis and report writing for each of the four target areas is up to £12,450 and will be paid for from the Home Office Safer Streets 2 and 3 funding.

### **Safer Streets (Safety of Women at Night) end of project survey/interviews**

In 2021/22 the PCC successfully received funding from the Home Office for Safer Streets – Safety of Women and Night (SWAN) fund. The funding comes to an end at the end of March 2022. The PCC is looking to undertake a consultation with female residents replicating the safer streets survey carried out earlier this year. The findings from the surveys will help evaluate the work undertaken as part of the SWAN project.

The cost for the survey design, fieldwork, online set up, data analysis and report writing for the SWQN survey is up to £2,600 and will be paid for from the Home Office Safer Streets SWAN funding.

Legal advice has been sought in relation to this single tender award and advised that it is permissible given the limited timeframe for completion of the work and to ensure interoperability and consistency of research samples and delivery.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The funding is revenue. This is a financial commitment of up to £22,050 with up to £7,000 coming from 2021/22 Community Safety Grant, £12,450 coming from Safer Streets 2 and 3 Home Office funding and £2,600 coming from Safer Streets (SWAN) Home Office funding.

**Signature:**  
**Chief Finance**  
**Officer**



**Date:**

21/01/2022

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<b>OFFICER APPROVAL:</b>	
I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that the appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.	
<b>Signature: Chief Executive</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	26/01/2022

<b>DECLARATION:</b>	
I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and I take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Any interests are indicated below:	
The above request has my approval	
<b>Signature: Nottinghamshire Police &amp; Crime Commissioner</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	09/02/2022

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