

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
DATE RECEIVED:*	01.02.24
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2024.007

TITLE:	ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IMMEDIATE JUSTICE FUNDING ALLOCATION - £1M
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
<p>In March 2023, the Home Office announced that Nottinghamshire had been chosen to pilot an Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) Immediate Justice (IJ) Project.</p> <p>Tackling antisocial behaviour is a key priority within the Commissioner's Make Notts Safe (Police and Crime) Plan. Nottinghamshire, including Nottingham City, is one of 16 Police and Crime Commissioner areas that have received significant funding (up to £1m each in 2024-25 and £1m in 2024-25¹) to clamp down on these types of ASB as part of the Government's Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan.</p>

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (e.g., report or business case)
<p>Under the pilot, Nottinghamshire will trial a new "immediate justice" scheme, where those found committing ASB (including crime types which have an ASB nature) will be made to undertake reparative community improvement work (e.g., helping to improve the environment by undertaking clean-ups) - with an ambition for them to start work as soon as 48 hours after their offence so victims know antisocial behaviour is treated seriously and with urgency.</p> <p>The funding forms part of a national strategy to establish a zero-tolerance approach to all forms of antisocial behaviour and give the police and local authorities the tools they need to tackle the problem.</p> <p>ASB is recognised to have a real impact on people's quality of life and their feelings of safety. The funding will help community safety partners across Nottinghamshire work together to implement plans to target this issue.</p> <p>The immediate justice pilot scheme is expected to deter anti-social behaviour, step up enforcement action against offenders, make sure crimes are punished more quickly and drive deterrence efforts, helping to stop anti-social behaviour spiralling into more serious criminality.</p> <p>Following these initial trailblazers, other schemes will be rolled out across England and Wales from October 2024.</p> <p>The Nottinghamshire pilot was due to start in July 2023, but due to capacity issues following a major incident, the project was put on hold. In January 2024, the project was launched so whilst £1m has been</p>

¹ The ASB IJ Home Office funding for 2024-25 is predicated on receipt of a grant agreement and will be subject to a further decision record detailing how the funding is to be allocated.

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allocated by the Home Office, the OPCC is unlikely to be to spend this allocation during the remaining three-month period. The estimated expenditure is set out in the table below.

Redsnapper has been appointed by the OPCC to oversee the new reparation service and has capacity to supervise 32 offenders per week working Monday to Thursday with a reduced service on a Saturday if needed across the whole of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. The activities will take place evenly on alternative days in the City one day and the County the next day.

The new ASB Immediate Justice Scheme will initially focus on adult offenders by creating a new mirrored reparation service using the regional HM Prison & Probation Service (HMPPS) community payback model. However, the project will be extended to work with younger offenders during 2024-25.

Visible reparation activity will take place in key locations across the whole of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire and OPCC and Redsnapper are working closely with local authorities and the City Council to identify suitable places where they can undertake environmental clean-ups to improve feelings of safety also. Both offender and place will be risk assessed by Redsnapper to ensure they are suitable.

The police will be reviewing their current responses to ASB and will look to make improvements. Each Local Authority has been offered funding to appoint a temporary ASB Immediate Justice officer to undertake a stocktake of ASB accredited and delegated powers for ASB incidents not attracting a crime report and seek ways in which offenders coming to their attention are also routed into this new scheme.

The intention is to identify suitable incidents appropriate for referring into the new joint Immediate Justice Reparation Unit. We will explore ways in which more ASB offences e.g. fly tipping can be disposed of using the IJ scheme.

We will seek to identify suitable visible reparation activities such as:

- Litter-picking in public parks and high streets
- Site clean-up after council funded events
- Proactive or reactive cleaning of civic memorials
- Installation of hanging baskets or temporary civic notices
- Gardening of communal flower beds in town centres
- Cleaning of graffiti on bus shelters, tram stops or train stations or public signage
- Basic repairs of damaged public property, or private property with victim/owner consent
- Explore the prospect of social action (cleaning canals) as suitable reparation work
- Clean ups in Youth Centres

A monthly Project Board and weekly Delivery Group have been established to ensure effective governance and implementation supported by Risk Register, Terms of Reference and Performance Framework. Monthly meetings are also held with Home Office officials supported by quarterly update reports and grant claims. Funding to external organisations is undertaken in line with financial regulations and grant agreements.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

In support of this project a number of new temporary posts and services will be established as listed in the table below. It should be noted that whilst the PCC has been allocated **£1m**, the current estimated spend is currently **£555,966**; but this figure could increase or decrease as the project progresses; for example, whilst there is budget provision for an area of spend, it may not be required e.g. legal costs.

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ASB IJ Budget Allocation (2023-24)	Ashfield	Bassetlaw	City	Police/ PCC	Mansfield	Newark	Rushcliffe	Shared	Grand Total
ASB IJ Triage Officers x 2				£43,609					£43,609
ASB Local Authority Officers	£13,857	£6,278	£4,619		£4,619	£4,619	£4,619		£38,611
Changes to Technology				£80,000					£80,000
Comms & Assurance				£30,000					£30,000
Deputy Senior Responsible Officer								£26,175	£26,175
Implementation (Project) Manager								£36,370	£36,370
Information Officer (Analyst)				£12,123					£12,123
Laptops/Phones				£13,375					£13,375
Legal Costs				£20,000					£20,000
Part Time Finance Officer 0.6 FTE				£7,876					£7,876
Police Inspector 9-month Secondment:				£36,643					£36,643
Recruitment and Selection Costs (Management Fee)	£3,500	£3,500	£3,500		£3,500	£3,500	£3,500		£21,000
Reparation Service (Red Snapper)				£49,949					£49,949
Tools and Equipment Supplier - Capital (Van + Trailer)				£30,000					£30,000
Tools and Equipment Supplier - Revenue				£95,238					£95,238
Training of Staff (Police, Partners)				£15,000					£15,000
Grand Total	£17,357	£9,778	£8,119	£433,811	£8,119	£8,119	£8,119	£62,544	£555,966

Signature: Chief Finance Officer	
Date:	08.02.24

Is any of the supporting information classified as non-public or confidential information?**	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please state under which category from the guidance**				
DECISION:				
To approve the ASB IJ PCC funding allocation as set out in the above table.				

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OFFICER APPROVAL:

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.

Signature:
Deputy Monitoring
Officer

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Date:

09.02.2024

DECLARATION:

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

Signature:
Nottinghamshire Police &
Crime Commissioner

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Date:

15.02.24