

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
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REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2024.052

TITLE:	ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IMMEDIATE JUSTICE FUNDING ALLOCATION - £1M (2024-25)
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
<p>This decision relates to Home Office funding in relation to 2024-25, decision record reference number 2024.007 details funding for 2023-24 already approved.</p> <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 for our communities. 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 2024-25) to clamp down on these types of ASB as part of the Government’s Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan.</p> <p>This decision record is predicated on receipt of a grant agreement which is expected in April 2024.</p>

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (e.g., report or business case)
<p>This decision record relates to the second year of the £1m funding in relation to 2024-25.</p> <p>The new “immediate justice” pilot scheme was launched in Nottinghamshire on 10th January 2024. Offenders found committing ASB (including crime types which have an ASB nature) are now offered an opportunity to undertake reparative activities e.g., community improvement work as a new out of court disposal (O OCD) for instance as an alternative to being prosecuted at Court.</p> <p>There is 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>

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Following these initial trailblazers, other schemes will be rolled out across England and Wales from October 2024.

Redsnapper has been appointed by the OPCC to oversee the new reparation service and has capacity to supervise 32 adult offenders per week and 32 young people 14 years to 17 years per month 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. Activities with young people will follow and be subject to consultation with the Youth Services.

In 2023-24, the ASB Immediate Justice Scheme focused on adult offenders only 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.

In 2024-25, visible reparation activity will continue to take place in key locations across the whole of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire and OPCC and Red Snapper 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 Red Snapper to ensure they are suitable.

The police will continue to review 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 have been established as listed in the table below. The budget plan is what was submitted to the Home Office for approval but in line with the parameters set out in the grant agreement, funding made be repurposed between interventions as

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necessary. For example, Local Authorities may have difficulty recruiting to these new posts and the PCC's SRO may consider utilising the funding for other interventions where risks have emerged.

Row Labels	Ashfield	Clifton	Force-wide	Mansfield	Newark	Rushcliffe	Shared	Grand Total
ASB IJ Triage Officers x 2:			£77,678					£77,678
ASB Local Authority Officers:	£110,856	£55,428		£55,428	£55,428	£55,428		£332,568
Changes to Technology: Fix My Street			£18,900					£18,900
Comms & Assurance:			£14,037					£14,037
DSRO: Project Lead							£55,932	£55,932
Implementation Manager: Shared							£64,972	£64,972
Information Officer (Analyst):			£48,493					£48,493
Laptops/Phones:			£2,000					£2,000
Legal Costs:			£10,000					£10,000
Police Inspector 9-month Secondment:			£51,300					£51,300
Reparation Service: Red Snapper			£249,300					£249,300
Tools and Equipment Supplier – Police Estates			£69,820					£69,820
Training of Staff (Police, Partners)			£5,000					£5,000
Grand Total	£110,856	£55,428	£546,528	£55,428	£55,428	£55,428	£120,904	£1,000,000

There are no capital costs contained within this budget plan.

Signature:
Chief Finance Officer



Date:

10/06/2024

Is any of the supporting information classified as non-public or confidential information?*

Yes

No

If yes, please state under which category from the guidance**

DECISION:

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To approve the ASB IJ PCC funding allocation for 2024-25 as set out in the above table.

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:
Chief Executive

[Redacted Signature]

Date:

10.06.2024

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**

[Redacted Signature]

Date:

10th June 2024