



Cambridgeshire
Police & Crime
Commissioner

To: Business Coordination Board

From: Chief Executive

Date: 21 September 2016

PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE REDUCTION OF COLLISIONS

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Business Coordination Board (“the Board”) for the approval of for additional Constabulary resources to support the reduction of collisions on the county’s roads through effective and sustainable prevention and early intervention.

2. Recommendation

2.1 The Board is recommended to approve the request for funding below for additional dedicated Constabulary resources to support the reduction of collisions on the county’s roads.

2.2 That the Police and Crime Commissioner (“the Commissioner”) signs the Decision Notice to approve this spend.

3. Background

3.1 The Road Casualty Reduction and Support Fund (“the Fund”) was created from the underspend from the collaborated Bedfordshire Police, Cambridgeshire Constabulary (“the Constabulary”) and Hertfordshire Constabulary’s Camera, Ticket and Collision (“CTC”) unit from 2014/15 (Decision Notice CPCC 2015-025).

3.2 Funds are awarded in line with the ‘Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Road Safety Partnership Strategic Declaration’ (the “Partnership”, Appendix 1) which is in effect the Commissioning Intentions – the Commissioner is fully supportive of this declaration.

- 3.3 A paper was presented to the Board on 11 August 2016 to set out the latest tranche of funding allocations from the Fund. This paper flagged the intention that funding would be allocated to finance additional resources within the Constabulary to work with partners to drive forward effective and sustainable prevention and early intervention to reduce collisions and therefore the cost to all public sector agencies and subsequent demand on policing resources. It was agreed that a further paper detailing projected costings and additional detail on proposed posts would be brought to the Business Co-ordination Board meeting on 21 September 2016.
- 3.4 Enforcement activities cannot be funded from the Road Casualty Reduction and Support Fund. Due to the importance of the initiative to reduce collisions, the Commissioner has agreed to fund the Speedwatch co-ordination role from the Collaboration and Commissioning Reserve in this instance. The Collaboration and Commissioning Reserve was formed from the 2014/15 Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner underspend. The fund currently stands at £194k.

4. Proposal

- 4.1 The Commissioner and the Constabulary are keen to show their joint commitment 'to reduce the number of collisions on our roads and therefore the number of people killed or seriously injured as a result and the subsequent impact on individuals, their families and the community'. Therefore it is proposed that a proportion of this Fund is allocated towards additional resources within the Constabulary to work with partners on this agenda. It is proposed that this comprises:
- An additional dedicated uniformed Police Casualty Reduction Officer within the Roads Policing Unit for three years, and
 - A police staff co-ordinator post (full-time) to co-ordinate county-wide Volunteer Speedwatch schemes.
- 4.2 The Police Casualty Reduction Officer will lead campaigns (eg drink-drive, Think!) on the Constabulary's behalf, act as the key point of contact for partner agencies and support the delivery of evidence-based prevention and interventions. This is likely to involve significant public engagement in particular within schools.
- 4.3 The police staff co-ordinator will be Constabulary-based and will take overarching responsibility for the effective running of the county's Volunteer Speedwatch Schemes providing support for existing volunteers and developing new schemes in line with the Joint Strategic Vision for Volunteering (Appendix 2).
- 4.4 The proposal has been provisionally costed and it is anticipated that the total for both posts will be a maximum of £250k over three years, including all on-costs. The split of financing of this cost between the Casualty Reduction and Support Fund and the Collaboration and Commissioning Reserve is detailed in paragraph 4.5 below.
- 4.5 It is in line with the Commissioning Intentions that the funding for the Police Casualty Reduction Officer is drawn from the wider Casualty Reduction and Support Fund. It is proposed that the funding for the police staff co-ordinator will be provided from the Collaboration and Commissioning Reserve for an initial period of three years.

4.6 This proposal is supported by the chair of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Strategic Road Safety Partnership.

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<p>Background Papers</p>	<p>‘Creation of the Casualty Reduction and Support Fund’ – paper as presented to the Business Coordination Board, Agenda Item 8.0, 27 August 2015</p> <p>‘Operation of Strategic Road Safety/Casualty Reduction Support Fund’ – paper as presented to the Business Coordination Board, Agenda Item 12.0, 26th November 2015</p> <p>‘Proposal for first round of funding allocations from Road Casualty Reduction and Support Fund’ – paper as presented to the Business Coordination Board, Agenda Item 8.0, 16 December 2015</p> <p>‘Funding allocations from Road Casualty Reduction and Support Fund’ - paper as presented to the Business Coordination Board, Agenda Item 9.0, 11 August 2016</p> <p>http://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/work/BCB</p>