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**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC) FOR LINCOLNSHIRE  
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

**REF: 012/2021  
DATE: 19 March 2021**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>LINCOLNSHIRE YOUTH COMMISSION ON POLICE AND CRIME</b>
<b>REPORT BY</b>	<b>PARTNERSHIP AND DELIVERY MANAGER</b>
<b>CONTACT OFFICER</b>	<b>Joanne Davison, Partnership and Delivery Manager Telephone 01522 947406</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT</b> To approve funding for phase two of the Lincolnshire Youth Commission on Police and Crime, which will embed a sustainable, structured system for young people aged 14-25 to influence decisions about policing and crime in Lincolnshire. The project will represent the views of young people across Lincolnshire to the Police and Crime Commissioner and will support the development and delivery of the Police and Crime Plan.	
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	That £24,000 be released from the Development & Partnership Working Reserve to fund the Lincolnshire Youth Commission on Police and Crime.

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LINCOLNSHIRE**

**I hereby approve the recommendation above, having considered the content of this report.**

**Signature:**  **Date:** 19 March 2021

**A. NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC**

**A1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

1. The Police and Crime Commissioner has a statutory obligation to engage with communities under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. This is reflected as a priority within the Police and Crime Plan, with specific reference to engaging with young people (see section A2).
2. Since 2013, Leaders Unlocked has collaborated with ten PCCs to develop the 'Youth Commission on Police and Crime'. The Youth Commission provides a structured system for enabling young people aged 14-25 to shape the future

policing and crime prevention in their areas, working in partnership with their PCCs and police forces.

3. The Youth Commission model is based on recruiting a core group of young adults aged 14-25 and providing them with the skills training, tools and support to engage other young people in a 'Big Conversation' about agreed priority issues. This process gains honest insights from young people who would not otherwise have a voice, including those from harder- to-reach and minority groups. The process also opens up vital channels of communication with the community and a range of local partners and youth organisations.
4. The findings and recommendations from the first phase of the Youth Commission were presented at the virtual 'Big Conversation' conference in February 2021 and the Youth Commission Report was shared at the end of March 2021.
5. Phase two of the project will take place over a 9-month period and will involve the following:
  - Sharing the findings from phase 1 and taking forward the recommendations within the Youth Commission Report (as appropriate)
  - Engaging with young people to inform the priorities within the new Police and Crime Plan
  - Recruiting some further members – this recruitment will be targeted to the east coast and south of the county which had less representation in the first iteration of the Youth Commission. Likewise, we are seeking increased inclusion of BAME and eastern European members.
  - More focus on local, as well as county wide issues.
  - The 'Big Conversation' will see the Youth Commission members going out to talk to other young people in their communities, with professional support. It will involve planning and delivering a wide range of outreach and consultation activities with a very diverse cross-section of the youth population in Lincolnshire. This process will engage at least 1,200 young people in meaningful conversations about the Youth Commission's key priorities.
  - In the final stages, the Lincolnshire Youth Commission will come together to analyse their findings and develop viable recommendations for the PCC, police, and partner agencies.
  - The project will culminate with a final conference and showcase event, at which the members of the Youth Commission will present their key findings and recommendations to an audience of the PCC/ OPCC, police, partner agencies, and local community partners.
  - Opportunities will be facilitated for the Youth Commissioners to inform and challenge the Force over this period, with possible involvement in the recruitment and training of officers, advisory input to police strategies and decisions, and scrutiny of performance in key areas such as Stop and Search.
6. Leaders Unlocked will be supported in the delivery of the project by the Safer Together Team. This will upskill the team and the intention is that they would continue the youth engagement beyond Jan 2022 in the form of local youth engagement groups.

## **A2. LINKS TO POLICE AND CRIME PLAN AND PCC'S STRATEGIES/PRIORITIES**

This will support delivery of the following priorities, as identified within the Community Safety, Policing and Criminal Justice Plan 2017 – 2021:

Engage with the public of Lincolnshire regularly, openly and through multiple 'channels' recognising that 'one size' does not fit all including:

- Youth Advisory Group to seek the views of the young from a range of backgrounds including those in care.
- Community Commission to ensure the public voice is heard from across the breadth of the county.

## **B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The cost net of VAT (£24,000) will be met through the Development & Partnership Working reserve. This decision approves the drawdown of the reserve in 2021/22.

## **C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS**

*[This should include the legal powers the PCC has for making the decision]*

The Police and Crime Commissioner has a statutory obligation to engage with communities under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (PRORA).

In addition, Section 143 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 provides Police and Crime Commissioners with powers to provide or commission services. Within the meaning of this section, a PCC may provide or arrange for the provision of:

- (a) services that in the opinion of the PCC will secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in the PCC's area
- (b) services that are intended by the PCC to help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by, offences and anti-social behaviour
- (c) services of a description specified in an order made by the Secretary of State.

## **D. PERSONNEL AND EQUALITIES ISSUES**

*[This should include a copy of the Equality Impact Assessment, if required]*

The Lincolnshire Youth Commission will be force-wide and will engage young people from a wide range of local areas across the region. In doing this work, one of the priorities will be to ensure that the cohort incorporates those who are not just 'the usual suspects', including under-served or more marginalised groups such as young people from Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) backgrounds and those with experience of the Criminal Justice System (CJS) and other relevant life experiences (e.g. care-experienced young people, young victims, and those with experience of homelessness).

## **E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS**

Review and evaluation arrangements will be put in place to assess whether intended outcomes have been achieved.

**F. RISK MANAGEMENT**

Through the review and evaluation arrangements as necessary.

**G. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

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**Until what date:**

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**Is there a part 2 form?** No

**If Yes, for what reason:**

**ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION**

	Initial to confirm
Originating Officer: The originating officer recommends this proposal for the reasons outlined above.	JD
Financial advice: The PCC's Deputy Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	GH
Monitoring Officer: The PCC's Monitoring Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	MB

## OFFICER APPROVAL

### **Chief Executive**

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. Consultation outlined above has also taken place. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire.

**Signature:**



**Date:** 19 March 2021