

## PFCC Decision Report

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**Classification** Not protectively marked

**Title of report:** Crimestoppers 2023-24 (Supplementary)

**Area of county / stakeholders affected:** Countywide

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### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report seeks approval to make an additional allocation to Crimestoppers to reflect the inflationary increase in the cost of the service from 2022-23 to 2023-24. The PFCC will allocate a further £5,952 to Crimestoppers.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That the PFCC approves an additional allocation of £5,952 from the 2023-24 Community Safety Fund to Crimestoppers.

### 3. Background to the Proposal

- 3.1. The PFCC approved an annual grant of £49,597 to Crimestoppers through decision report 146-22. In late 2022, Crimestoppers issued a communication requesting an increase from their 2022-23 grant. The PFCC is asked to contribute to a 12% uplift in the cost of the service from £49,597 to £55,549.
- 3.2. This funding contributes towards the costs of the national call centre operated by Crimestoppers (0800 555111). This is the first increase to the cost of the service in three years.

#### **4. Proposal and Associated Benefits**

- 4.1. The PFCC contributes to the cost of the Crimestoppers national contact centre via an annual grant. The contact centre allows members of the public to provide information and intelligence about crime anonymously without fear of retaliation or retribution. In 2021-22 the contact centre processed 185,000 pieces of actionable intelligence from 600,000 contacts.
- 4.2. Over the last three years, Crimestoppers has seen a 13% increase in call volumes and a resultant increase in intelligence reports sent to the police. The PFCC is provided with an annual report which gives details of the calls and intelligence received for Essex.

#### **5. Options Analysis**

- 5.1. The Crimestoppers Contact Centre is funded by contributions from each police force and P(F)CC. Without these contributions the service would be unsustainable, and a valuable source of information and intelligence would risk being lost.

#### **6. Consultation and Engagement**

- 6.1. The PFCC approved the original funding request (at 2022-23 rates) via decision report 146-22.

#### **7. Strategic Links**

- 7.1. The Crimestoppers service allows the collection of information and intelligence which can reduce crime and reoffending as well as improving community confidence. The service supports delivery against the priorities in the Police and Crime Plan and Essex Police's Force Plan.

#### **8. Police operational implications**

- 8.1. Essex Police utilises the intelligence provided by Crimestoppers to detect and prevent crime.

#### **9. Financial implications**

- 9.1. The PFCC will allocate a one-off grant of £5,952 to Crimestoppers. This will mean a total annual contribution to Crimestoppers of £55,549 in 2023-24. This funding is allocated from the 2023-24 Community Safety Fund.

#### **10. Legal implications**

- 10.1 This funding will be subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement.

**11. Staffing implications**

- 11.1. Monitoring of this project will be dependent on the PFCC recruiting to the vacant Commissioning Officer post.

**12. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion implications**

- 12.1. Crimestoppers is an anonymous reporting service which provides individuals the opportunity to share information without fear of being identified. The service provides telephone and web-based options for reporting.

**13. Risks and Mitigations**

- 13.1. No risks have been identified.

**14. Governance Boards**

- 14.1. This decision has not been discussed at any governance boards.

**15. Links to Future Plans**

- 15.1. This work supports delivery of the Police and Crime Plan and Essex Police Force Plan.

**16. Background Papers and Appendices**

n/a

**Report Approval**

The report will be signed off by the PFCC's Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC.

Chief Executive / M.O.

Sign:

Print: P. Brent-Isherwood

Date: 5 June 2023

Chief Finance Officer

Sign:

Print: Janet Perry

Date: 06 June 2023

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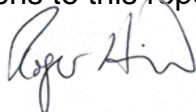
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**Chief Executive / Chief Finance Officer**

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I agree the recommendations to this report:

**Sign:** 

**Print:** Roger Hirst

**PFCC**

**Date signed:** 09/06/2023

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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**Sign:**

**Print:**

**PFCC/Deputy PFCC**

**Date signed:**