



<b>DECISION: 2017-54</b>	<b>DATE: 19 March, 2018</b>
<b>TITLE: STREETLINK</b>	
<b>REPORT BY: LOUISE FAIRCLOUGH</b> <b>CRIME, REOFFENDING AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE LEAD</b>	

### Executive Summary

The Commissioner has a statutory duty to publish a Police and Crime Plan which sets out the priorities for Lancashire. The Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan 2016-2021 outlines the following priorities:

1. Protect local policing
2. Tackling crime and reoffending
3. Supporting vulnerable people and victims
4. Developing safe and confident communities

The Commissioner has supported numerous initiatives to help tackle crime and reoffending. For example allocating monies to the three top tier authorities annually towards substance misuse services specifically for peer support and mentoring or abstinence based programmes.

Streetlink is provided by the Foxton Centre in Preston and offers a range of confidential and non-judgemental services to women working in the sex industry in Preston and has been in operation for 20 years.

This decision seeks to confirm the allocation of £35,157 (match funded with £47,200) from the Crime & Reoffending Budget for the project outlined in Appendix A.

### Recommendations

The Commissioner is recommended to approve the use of £8,500 from the Crime & Reoffending budget to support the Youthlink project as outlined in Appendix A.

Signature

Police and Crime Commissioner

Date

6.4.18

## 1. Background and Advice

Preston has a long established street sex scene with approximately 40 women accessing the service. The work of Streetlink has been in place for 20 years and supports women with complex issues including addiction, offending behaviours, mental health and mental abuse issues.

This service is open to the female sex workers and women who are at risk of entering into sex work. Many of these women are so damaged by their life experiences that they need intensive support. They are very marginalised and isolated group and face issues of stigma and discrimination. They are notoriously difficult to get into treatment and support services.

Streetlink is a multi agency project with financial support from LCC Public Health, Preston City Council, UCLAN and Housing first. The service has a core staff and a team of volunteers from the local community and mentors from service users.

## 2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

The allocation of this funding demonstrates the Commissioner's commitment to supporting projects which help deliver the objectives set out in the Police and Crime Plan.

- Tackling Crime & Re-offending
- Supporting vulnerable people and victims
- Developing safe and confident communities

## 3. Consultation

N/A

## 4. Implications

### a. Legal

None to consider.

### b. Financial

To approve the use of £35,157 from the Crime and Reoffending budget. This report has been submitted with cognisance to the Commissioning Framework.

### c. Equality considerations

None to consider.

## 5. Background Papers

## 6. Public access to information

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation.

Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PCC website within 3 working days of approval. Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate Part 2 form.

Officer declaration	Date
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	ARL
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above	
CONSULTATION – As above	
<p><b>Director to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Monitoring Officer)</b></p> <p>I have been informed about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities 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 for Lancashire.</p> <p>Signature.....<i>ARL</i>.....Date.....9.4.18.....</p>	

**PART II**

**Restricted Information**