




DECISION: 2022/01	DATE: 19 APRIL 2022
TITLE: SAFER STREETS FUND ROUND 4	
REPORT BY: Steve Freeman, Chief Finance Officer	
Executive Summary The Home Office have announced Round 4 of the Safer Streets Fund (SSF) with a deadline for submissions of Thursday 12 th May 2022. Police and Crime Commissioners and Local Authorities are able to submit bids however, the Home Office have set a maximum limit of four bids per PCC area, and they have specified that the Police and Crime Commissioner must support and prioritise any bids for their respective area prior to submission. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner contacted all Local Authorities for expressions of interest for consideration and prioritisation by the Commissioner. A total of 4 expressions of interest were received.	
Recommendation The Commissioner is recommended to note and approve the priority order of the four expressions of interest as follows: Primary: Preston City Council Secondary: Pennine Lancashire Community Safety Partnership Tertiary: Chorley and South Ribble Councils Quaternary: West Division (Blackpool, Fylde, Wyre, and Lancaster councils)	
Signature  _____	
Police and Crime Commissioner	
Date:	19/4/22

PART I

1. Background and Advice

The Home Office announced there will be a fourth and fifth round of the Safer Streets Fund making £50m available for the three years from 2022/23.

The fourth round of the Safer Streets Fund has a targeted focus on neighbourhood crime (burglary, robbery, vehicle crime and theft), anti-social behaviour and violence against women and girls in public places (e.g. street harassment, rape, sexual assault, stalking).

Bidders can choose to submit a scheme that covers all of these crime types or to focus on one crime type in particular, and can be targeted to residential, commercial and rural areas.

Bidders should highlight where interventions are expected to have secondary impacts on other crime types, such as wider acquisitive crime or serious violence.

Funding must be targeted against one/all/a selection of the primary focuses, with a defined and justifiable, but not necessarily coterminous geography.

Example areas in scope include: residential streets, high streets, city centres, college/university campuses (but not inside the buildings), the night-time economy (inside and outside establishments) and rural locations.

Bidders must have some information that target areas are disproportionately affected by one/all/a selection of the Fund's primary focuses (neighbourhood crime, ASB and VAWG crimes and/or low feelings of public safety).

The OPCC wrote to Lancashire County Council, Blackpool Council, Blackburn with Darwen Council and the 12 district councils and Community Safety Partnerships asking them if they wish to express an interest in the Safer Streets Fund along with information on the area(s) they would like to target.

The OPCC received four expressions of interest:

1. **Preston City Council**
With a focus on the night-time economy, the safety of public spaces for women and girls and all, and addressing anti-social behaviour.
Through physical infrastructure and equipment, the 'designing out' of crime, provision of outreach programmes, providing education and training and awareness and the delivery of diversionary activity.
2. **South Ribble & Chorley Councils**
With a focus on reduction of violence against women and girls.
Through the provision of focused training programmes.
3. **West Division (Blackpool Fylde, Wyre, and Lancaster councils)**
With a focus on interventions dealing with anti-social behaviour, neighbourhood crime and violence against women and girls.
Through provision of infrastructure and equipment, delivery of diversionary activity and the provision of training.
4. **Pennine Lancashire Community Safety Partnership.**
With a focus on burglary and vehicle crime, violence (including sexual violence), and neighbourhood crime.

Through addressing concerns and risks around the victim, the lack of a capable guardian, reducing the appeal to offenders and increasing the actual and perceived likelihood of detection.

The OPCC met with representatives from the Constabulary to review, evaluate and assess the expressions of interest to ensure the potential bids met the conditions set out in the Home Office prospectus.

As a consequence of the discussion, which focused on crime data, community impact and advice from the Constabulary it was agreed the OPCC should formally support and prioritise the expressions of interest as follows:

Rank	
Primary	Preston City Council
Secondary	Pennine Lancashire Community Safety Partnership
Tertiary	Chorley and South Ribble Councils
Quaternary	West Division (Blackpool, Fylde, Wyre, and Lancaster councils)

Each Local Authority will submit their own application directly to the Home Office.

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

The Safer Streets Fund supports the Commissioner's police and crime plan priorities of:

- Getting tough on Anti-social behaviour
- Disrupting and dismantling organised crime
- Tackling domestic abuse and sexual violence
- Cracking down on burglary and robbery

3. Consultations

None

4. Implications

a. Legal

There are no legal comments associated with this paper.

b. Financial

None to consider.

c. Equality considerations

There are no direct Equality implications in the making of this decision.

d. Data Protection Impact Assessment

There are no direct Data protection implications in the making of this decision.

5. Risk Management

None

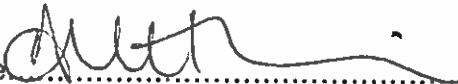
6. Background Papers

None

7. 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	JPH 19/4/22
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above	
CONSULTATION – As above	
<p>Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Monitoring Officer)</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 <u></u> Date <u>19/4/22</u></p>	