

**OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMBERSIDE
DECISION RECORD**

Decision Record Number **DR52/2025**

Title: OPCC Annual Membership of the National Rural Crime Network

Executive Summary:

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By collaborating with stakeholders, including law enforcement agencies, police and crime commissioners, local authorities, community organisations, and by recognising the diverse nature of rural crime and its impact on various aspects of rural life, the NRCN advocates for holistic approaches that address the root causes of crime while also providing support and resources to our local affected communities.

The NRCN have requested the involvement of the Humberside Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) to join the national conversation and drive for national change to tackle rural crime and support local policing.

It is recommended that the OPCC join the National Rural Crime Network (NRCN) at a cost of £2,750 p.a. in order to drive for change around tackling rural crime and support local policing, to be reviewed on an annual basis.

Decision of the PCC:

To approve funding for OPCC membership of the NRCN at a cost of £2,750 p.a. for a 12-month period, reviewed annually.

Background Report: Open

Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside

I confirm I have considered whether I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct.

Any such interests are recorded below.

The above decision has my approval.

Signature



Date 10/10/2025

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2. Recommendation

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3. Options

- 1) To fund OPCC membership of the NRCN at a cost of £2,750 p.a. for a 12-month period, reviewed annually. This would help drive for change around tackling rural crime and support local policing, to be reviewed annually.
- 2) Not fund membership of the NRCN.

4. Financial Implications

The annual membership fee for the OPCC is £2,750 plus VAT (Annual Fee).
Confirmed that sufficient funds are available for 12-months.

5. Legal Implications

Not applicable.

6. Driver for Change/Contribution to Delivery of the Police and Crime Plan

Membership will help support the OPCC's drive to ensure rural communities get their fair share of policing. It also helps us share best practice in this field with partners and, crucially, advance the case that national government should be doing more to tackle this serious issue.

It supports our Police and Crime Plan aim around Safer Communities.

7. Equalities Implications

Membership ensures that we support all our communities better.

8. Consultation

Initially, the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner (DPCC) was asked by the PCC for Suffolk to engage with the NRCN and ensure greater involvement of the Humberside PCC. The DPCC researched the benefits of membership for local people to ensure we understood the benefits of membership.

The key benefit is around supporting our drive to ensure rural communities get their fair share of policing, share best practice with partners and, crucially, advance the case that national government should be doing more to tackle this serious issue.

9. Media information

Membership will enable a positive news story linked to the priorities identified by our rural communities. We will be able to promote our membership through our social media channels and believe that publicity will help to enhance public confidence in our rural communities.

10. Background documents

The NRCN website is at: <https://nationalruralcrimenetwork.net/>

11. Publication

Open.

12. DPIA considered

Not applicable.