

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

Decision Record Number **25/2026**

Title **Knife Crime Concentrations Fund (KCCF) 2026/27**

Executive Summary:

Following a successful bid to the Home Office, funding has been secured for delivery of the Knife Crime Concentrations Fund. To accept this offer of funding, the PCC is required to sign the Home Office's Grant Agreement.

The focus of the fund is to support multiagency problem-solving approaches to achieve a reduction in Knife Crime of 30%. The funding also includes provision for an element of visible patrol activity in hotspot locations as this moves to business as usual longer-term. This will require the office to enter into Grant Agreements with Local Authorities as appropriate, as well as commissioning expert support for the development of Problem Solving Plans for each location.

Decision of the PCC

Approved.

Background Report: Open

Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside

I confirm I have considered whether or not 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 12/05/2026

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
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SUBMISSION FOR: DECISION

OPEN

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Date: 06 May 2026

1. Executive Summary

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The focus of the fund is to support multiagency problem-solving approaches to achieve a reduction in Knife Crime of 33%. The funding also includes provision for an element of visible patrol activity in hotspot locations as this moves to business as usual longer-term. This will require the office to enter into Grant Agreements with Local Authorities as appropriate, as well as commissioning expert support for the development of Problem Solving Plans for each location.

2. Recommendations

To accept the funding award and enter into grant agreements with Local Authority partners to deliver the Problem Solving Plans, as appropriate.

To approve the commissioning of external expert support from the Cambridge Centre for Evidence-Based Policing to support the development of Problem Solving Plans. They have been selected through a compliant process.

3. Background

Over the coming years the government are further increasing their focus on tackling the highest concentrations of knife crime. The Knife Crime Concentrations Fund (KCCF) will provide £26.25m in FY 26/27 to the 27 police force areas with the highest knife crime volumes over the last three years, and which together make up 90% of total knife crime across England

and Wales. Allocations to these 27 areas have been weighted based on knife crime volumes.

The overall aim of the Knife Crime Concentration Fund is that intensive problem solving / Problem Orientated Policing (POP) leads to at least a 33% reduction in knife crime, and that interventions should be designed to be sustainable to maintain reductions long term.

To deliver this approach we will be working with the 27 police force areas (PFAs) on a three-stage process, which will involve:

1. selection of the key hyperlocal knife crime areas in each PFA, where we see the highest concentrations of knife crime, which will be targeted by the fund.
2. The development of SARA (Scanning, Analysis, Response, Assessment) problem solving plans for each of these hyperlocal areas – which assess and understand the specific knife crime problem in each area and then put in place targeted interventions to tackle them.
3. The delivery of interventions and monitoring and evaluation of impact – with the aim of iterating our approach across each of the hyperlocal areas to deliver at least a 33% reduction.

The OPCC submitted a Delivery Plan which outlined how the KCCF would be spent in Humberside and we have now been informed that the proposal has been accepted, so there is a need to sign the Grant Agreement and implement this.

A procurement exercise has been undertaken to identify potential subject matter experts and it is proposed that the one offering the best value option is selected and engaged in supporting the development of problem-solving plans, utilising the budget that has been approved by the Home Office within the Delivery Plan.

4. Options

1) To accept the funding award and enter into a grant agreement with the Home Office and agree the commissioning of external expert support to develop problem solving plans for each of the hyperlocal areas identified **(recommended)**.

2) Not to accept the funding.

3) To accept the funding but not to commission external expert support. This is not recommended as problem solving plans and partners involved will not have the benefit of subject matter experts assisting in their development.

5. Financial Implications

The Grant Offer from the Home Office is for £459,010 for the funding period 2025/26. This includes costs relating to programme management, external expert support for problem solving, operational hotspot patrol activity (capped at a maximum of 40% as per Home Office requirements) and Problem Orientated Policing Activities.

Under the terms of the grant, this will be paid in arrears and must be spent by 31 March 2027. OPCC staff time involved in the project will be able to be recharged to the project.

6. Legal Implications

None – the Home Office will pay the funds under a Grant Agreement which will be based on standard Grant Agreement that have been issued in the past for the Hotspot Action Fund, Violence Reduction Unit etc. Grant agreements will be put in place with Local Authority partners using the standard OPCC grant terms previously approved by Legal Services.

The PCC has the power to issue grants under Section 143 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

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

The project contributes to the following Police and Crime Plan outcomes and objectives:

- Reduced harm to young people being affected by crime and community safety issues
- Long-term reduction in high-harm crimes through a multi-agency public health approach
- Safer public spaces for residents and visitors
- Effective partnerships and collaboration
- More funding and resources for the Humber region
- Innovative approaches to community safety

8. Equalities Implications

There is no specific impact anticipated as a result of this activity.

9. Consultation

Consultation has taken place with:

- Chief Executive
- Head of Policy and Partnerships
- Chief Finance Officer
- Data Protection Officer

The bid was developed in collaboration with the Force team who have been involved in the previous Grip, Hotspot Response Fund and Hotspot Action Fund programmes.

10. Media information

There will continue to be regular opportunities to announce successful projects and publicise their impact. It is a requirement of the Home Office to positively promote the Hotspot Action Fund and report on Communication and Public Confidence Activities as part of the quarterly progress report.

This will be achieved by working in conjunction with the OPCC's Communications Manager and project partners.

11. Background documents

None

12. Publication

Open

13. DPIA considered

The OPCC will only see aggregated information; no personal information will be shared. Any sharing of information / data with the subject matter expert commissioned will be checked with the Data Protection Officer and any details redacted where necessary.