

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

Decision Record Number: **DR31/2026**

Title **Violence Reduction Unit funding**

Executive Summary:

The PCC has been offered funding by the Home Office to continue the Humber Violence Prevention Partnership and related activity, following a successful application.

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 04/06/2026

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SUBMISSION FOR: DECISION

OPEN

Title: Violence Reduction Unit funding

Date: 20 May 2026

1. Executive Summary

The PCC has been offered funding by the Home Office to continue the Humber Violence Prevention Partnership and related activity, following a successful application.

2. Recommendation

Accept the grant offer and continue to host the VRU's hub.

3. Background

Violence Reduction Units (VRUs) are a Home Office-funded initiative to lead and co-ordinate the local response to serious violence, using an evidence-based whole-system or "public health" approach.

The Home Office has awarded funding to the PCC for a VRU in Humberside since 2022. Locally, the VRU is known as the Humber Violence Prevention Partnership (VPP).

The Home Office has decided to provide further VRU funding in 2026/27. As of this year, the grant is also combined with funding for Young Futures Panels and under the Serious Violence Duty. The Humber's combined allocation is £1,341,628.86.

The funding is for specific purposes set out in the Home Office's grant agreement and guidance, and governance is through the Humber VPP Board. The PCC receives the funding on behalf of the partnership and hosts the VPP "hub", including its core staff and contracting functions.

The funding is used to support a range of interventions working with young people, the pilot Young Futures Panel in Hull, and other multi-agency collaboration and data sharing, as set out in the delivery plan approved by the VPP Board and the Home Office.

Receiving the funding requires acceptance of the grant terms. These follow the standard Home Office format and have not significantly changed from previous agreements.

4. Options

1) Decline the grant offer

The PCC is not mandated to take on this funding and role so could decline to accept the grant offer, which would remove any financial risk but lead to a loss of funding and opportunity for Humberside.

2) Accept the grant offer and continue to host the VRU's hub (recommended option)

The recommended option is to accept the grant offer and continue to host the VRU "hub". Subject to successful delivery, this will result in an additional £1.3m investment and further match funding, as well as the opportunity to seek to access additional funds in future.

5. Financial Implications

The grant requires match funding of a minimum of £201,244.33, an increase from the £176,000 in previous years. Most of this is provided as in-kind support from the OPCC, with the remainder coming from commissioned interventions.

6. Legal Implications

This is a continuation of existing activity under standard grant terms.

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

The VPP is the primary mechanism for delivering Objective 2.2. of the Police and Crime Plan: *Coordinate the local response to preventing serious violence, including knife- and weapon-enabled crime.*

8. Equalities Implications

No specific implications are envisaged from accepting the grant.

9. Consultation

The VPP's core membership (Board) approved the delivery plan for 2026/27.

10. Media information

Further information on the Humber VPP is available at humbervpp.org.

11. Background documents

None.

12. Publication

Open

13. DPIA considered

Not required – no new implications arising from accepting continuation funding.