

Briefing for Police and Crime Commissioner

Topic: Safer Streets

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Purpose of briefing: to update the PCC on the previous rounds and on future Safer Streets Funding rounds

Background:

- The Safer Streets Round 1 projects are part of the Home Office's Safer Streets Fund available for 2020/21 to support situational crime prevention in hotspots which have chronic and disproportionate acquisitive crime
- The Durham Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner, together with Durham Constabulary, Durham County Council and Darlington Borough Council, was successful in two bids for County Durham and Darlington, £560,360 and £298,918 respectively ([see additional briefing](#)).
- 2 second round bids were submitted on the 25th March 2021 with the outcome anticipated at the end of May 2021.

Aim of the project:

- Reduce burglaries– making residents safer and reducing demand on the police to focus on more complex crimes
- Build evidence about the impact of targeted investment in situational prevention in high crime areas to strengthen the case for future investment, both at a local and national level
- Grow local capability to undertake data driven problem solving and capture evidence.
- Increase in community engagement in the target area

Partnership involvement:

A steering group has been in existence, overseen by the 2 Community Safety Partnerships made up of:

- Durham Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner
- Durham Constabulary
- Durham County Council
- Darlington Borough Council
- Victim Care and Advice Service
- County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service

Police involvement:

The force is an active member, ensuring delivery of the interventions.

Decisions needed:

Future Safer Streets funding opportunities likely to see PCCs making decisions on interventions and receiving funding to improve the safety of public spaces, especially those areas of potential concern for Violence against women and girls.