

## THE POLICE CRIME & VICTIMS' COMMISSIONER FOR DURHAM

### DECISION RECORD FORM

#### REQUEST

**Title:** For the delivery of county wide support to help the OPCVC and Constabulary build volunteer capability and capacity in the communities of County Durham

#### Executive Summary

Durham Community Action (DCA) is a well-established charity that has been providing support to communities across County Durham since 1935. Their work includes giving advice, support and training to individuals, voluntary and community groups. A significant area of their work is supporting volunteers and the community buildings that they run.

DCA is the lead voluntary and community sector (VCS) infrastructure support provider for County Durham, providing a voice on behalf of front line Voluntary Community Social Enterprise (VCSE) groups and organisations via a diverse range of local fora across the County. This includes active membership of the VCSE Working Group, the County Durham Partnership and the Community Wellbeing Partnership. DCA also represent the interests of the VCS on 10 of the Area Action Partnerships (AAPs), as Board Members.

Previously the Constabulary made an indirect annual contribution of £10,000, via Durham County Council, to DCA. The Office of the Police Crime and Victims' Commissioner (OPCVC) took responsibility for distribution of this funding in 2017 and engaged directly with DCA to formalise the basis on which this contribution will be made.

DCA will provide the OPCVC and Durham Constabulary with access to their volunteer infrastructure and networks, their knowledge and understanding of stakeholders (public, private and voluntary) and the community infrastructure in all areas of County Durham. DCA will play an active role in providing: access to; and advice, guidance and information about; community groups and social enterprises, which will enhance the community capability and capacity building activities being undertaken by the OPCVC and the Constabulary. DCA will also support the OPCVC by identifying and connecting individuals and organisations that can influence and contribute to local mutual gain initiatives.

**Decision:** The proposed £10,000 grant is made to DCA for the delivery of county wide support to help the OPCVC and Constabulary build volunteer capability and capacity in the communities of County Durham.

**OPCC Lead Officer:** Charles Oakley

**Contractor Details (if applicable):**

<b>Implications:</b>			
Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality & Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Consultation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>(If yes please provide further details below)</b>			

## Decision Required – Supporting Information

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC's CFO where the decision has financial implications)

This has been considered as part of the 2017/18 MOJ Victims monies and is included within the budget, (£10,000).

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

No specific legal implications

Equality and Diversity Implications

No specific equality and diversity implications

Human Rights Implications

No specific human rights implications

Sustainability Implications

No specific sustainability implications

Risk Management Implications

No specific risk management implications

Consultations

Consultation with Durham County Council.

### OFFICER APPROVAL

#### Chief Executive

I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been taken into account. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signed:



Date: 09/05/17

### Police and Crime Commissioner:

Signed:



Date: 09/05/17