

## THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR DURHAM

### DECISION RECORD FORM

#### REQUEST:

**Title:** Contribution to the Just for Women Centre in Stanley

#### Executive Summary:

The Just for Women Centre (J4WC) centre is a small not for profit organisation based in Stanley, County Durham. It helps women in the community who suffer from mental health issues or are survivors of abuse, first time offenders and long term unemployed. It supports them to regain confidence and self-esteem through training, counselling, education and employment.

The PCVC funded support from Social Enterprise Acumen (an organisation which supports the development of other Social Enterprises) to help the J4WC develop a sustainable business model.

J4WC have developed an ambitious business plan supported by an application to the Fresh Ideas Fund (decision due in December 2016). J4WC have considered the option of buying the vacant Stanley Library, which came onto the market, as opposed to renting a building. They are looking to buy this premises to improve their sustainability.

The J4W centre is undertaking a project called THREAD which enables these women to produce handmade products for sale, which both increases their skills and self-esteem as well as assisting the J4WC to secure income and achieve sustainability.

The project fits with the PCVC's objectives because it will help to support victims and the reduction of reoffending. The recommendation is for the PCVC to agree to a contribution to the project of £8,000 per year in 2016-17 and 2017-18.

#### Decision:

To approve the allocation of £8000 a year in 2016-17 and 2017-18 to support the J4WC THREAD project.

**OPCC Lead Officer:** Charles Oakley

**Contractor Details (if applicable):** n/a

#### Implications:

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"/>	

**(if yes please provide further details below)**

## Decision Required – Supporting Information

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

An independent assessment was undertaken by Acumen, Social Enterprise, as a pre-condition of this funding offer.  
This will be funded from the MOJ Victims Monies and is within the budget.

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.

### 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: 31/10/2016

#### Police Crime and Victims' Commissioner:

Signed:



Date: 31/10/2016