



Subject: SPACE (Supporting Positive Activities and Community Engagement) Youth Fund

Originator: Community Safety Manager

Decision no. 33/2024

Reason for submission: For decision

Submitted to: PCC

Summary:

1. The Government's Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan identifies the need to provide youth support in order to prevent anti-social behaviour. Feedback provided through the Norfolk Community Safety Partnership highlights that responsible authorities understand opportunities for young people to engage in positive activities are needed and that youth anti-social behaviour is considered an issue across Norfolk. This has been identified through the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner's (OPCCN) leadership at the Community Safety Partnership. In addition, the OPCCN has engaged directly with young people in Norfolk to understand what they think contributes to anti-social behaviour and what positive activities they want to engage in.
2. To contribute to the Government's commitment and provide young people with the opportunity to take part in positive activities, the OPCCN has co-ordinated the development of a funding opportunity for youth services in Norfolk to expand their outreach and positive activity offers. The overall police and crime objective for this funding is to reduce youth-related anti-social behaviour. The funding opportunity will be called the Supporting Positive Activities and Community Engagement (SPACE) Youth Fund. This directly supports both the Safer Norfolk Plan and the Police and Crime Plan.
3. To contribute to the SPACE Youth Fund, running to the 31st December 2025 (inclusive), the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk has funded the Norfolk Community Foundation £50,000 (Decision No 29/2023). Norfolk County

Council wishes to add to this total by providing a £66,400 contribution to the OPCC N, who will provide all money to Norfolk Community Foundation

4. This fund is a joint fund between OPCCN, Norfolk Community Foundation, Norfolk County Council, and Norfolk Youth Advisory Board. The total funds available will be £175,760.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Police and Crime Commissioner grant funds Norfolk Community Foundation £66,400 on behalf of the Norfolk County Council to contribute to the SPACE Youth Fund.

Outcome/approval by: PCC

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signature:

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Date: 25/03/2024

Detail of the submission

1. Objective:

- 1.1 The Government's Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan identifies the need to provide youth support in order to prevent anti-social behaviour. It commits to providing one million extra hours of youth support in anti-social behaviour hotspots across the country.
- 1.2 Feedback provided through the Norfolk Community Safety Partnership highlights that opportunities for young people to engage in positive activities are needed and that youth anti-social behaviour is considered an issue across Norfolk. This has been identified through the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner's (OPCCN) leadership with the Community Safety Partnership. In addition, the OPCCN has engaged directly with young people in Norfolk to understand what they think contributes to anti-social behaviour and what positive activities they want to engage in.
- 1.3 To contribute to the Government's commitment and provide young people with the opportunity to take part in positive activities, the OPCCN has co-ordinated the development of a funding opportunity for youth services in Norfolk to expand their outreach and positive activity offers. The overall police and crime objective for this funding is to reduce youth-related anti-social behaviour.
- 1.4 The funding opportunity will be called the Supporting Positive Activities and Community Engagement (SPACE) Youth Fund.

2. Background:

- 2.1 Since the OPCCN agreed to manage the Norfolk Community Safety Partnership in November 2020, acknowledging the clear crossover between the work of PCC's and community safety partnerships, the partnership has identified youth anti-social behaviour as an area it wanted to influence.
- 2.2 The partnership agreed it wanted to provide interventions targeting youth anti-social behaviour by providing access to positive activities and outreach.
- 2.3 The OPCCN engaged with young people to understand what type of positive activities they wanted to engage in. This engagement highlighted that they were particularly interested in accessing a vast range of sport and arts activities. Crucially, they wanted the activities to be set by the young people themselves.
- 2.4 Analysis of Norfolk Police data showed that 13-to-15-year-olds were an age group listed as the perpetrator of anti-social behaviour proportionately more than most

other age groups. This finding provided a target age group. partners in this work confirmed this age group required unique engagement needs.

2.5 In collaboration with Norfolk Community Foundation, Norfolk County Council and the Norfolk Youth Advisory Boards, the OPCCN has developed a funding opportunity to provide young services with a funding opportunity to provide young people with positive activities.

2.6 The organisations mentioned will all contribute funding to the Norfolk Community Foundation, who will administer the fund. The fund will be offered to members of the Sir Norman Lamb Coalition for Young People. The coalition is made up of Norfolk-based Voluntary, Community, or Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations working with children and young people to help strengthen their existing services and encourage and promote innovation to enrich our children and young people's lives.

2.7 The criteria states that organisations might be right for this funding if:

- They are a member of the Sir Norman Lamb Coalition for Young People
- They provide open access youth services, or targeted youth work support, delivered by trusted adults, preferably qualified youth workers/youth support workers or equivalent
- They have experience of reaching young people who do not readily engage with positive activities
- They have existing links in their local community – e.g. with police, schools, local councils, family support workers or other community networks – that support them to understand the needs in their area
- They involve young people's views in the development of their activities
- They will be able to feedback on their learnings from this funded piece of work

2.8 Activity might be right for this funding if:

- They can demonstrate a clear plan to reach young people, and increase their engagement with services
- They already have a successful model for engaging new young people, and would like to build capacity in their regular activities that they can connect to
- Or, they would like to build capacity in their detached youth work, or in their model for outreach, to connect new young people to their regular activities

3. Areas for consideration:

3.1 The SPACE Youth Fund will receive contributions from OPCCN, Norfolk County Council, the Norfolk Community Foundation, private donors, and Norfolk Youth Advisory Boards. The OPCCN has contributed £50,000 to the fund. The £66,400

funding covered in this decision notice is being provided by Norfolk County Council through the OPCCN. The total funds available will be £175,760.

3.2 To support the needs of Youth Advisory Boards and partners of the Norfolk Community Safety Partnership, the fund will have requirements to ensure a good geographic spread of interventions.

3.3 Bids to the fund can run for up to two years and can be up to a maximum of £15,000 per annum. This means the fund should enable at least 6 projects to run for two years.

4. Other options considered:

4.1 Do nothing: Without this additional funding the outreach and positive activities for young people would not be expanded in Norfolk.

4.2 Developing a partnership fund delivered through the Norfolk Community Foundation was agreed as the preferred route because it increased the funding available to deliver the objective.

5. Strategic aims/objective supported:

5.1 The fund supports the Police and Crime Plan's priorities, specifically:

- Prevent Offending - strengthen early intervention and preventative approaches to crime in the county and reduce first time entrants into criminal justice
- Safer and Stronger Communities - Working with partners and communities to prevent crime and harm
- It will also contribute to the overarching Safer Norfolk Plan objectives of building resilient cohesive communities and tackling and reducing neighbourhood crime.

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6. Financial and other resource implications:

6.1 To contribute on behalf of Norfolk County Council to the SPACE Youth Fund, running to the 31st December 2025 (inclusive), the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk will fund the Norfolk Community Foundation £66,400.

6.2 The funding will be provided in advance by Norfolk County Council

6.3 This is a joint fund between OPCCN, Norfolk Community Foundation, Norfolk County Council, and Norfolk Youth Advisory Board. The total funds available will be £175,760.

7. Carbon Emissions and Other Environmental Implications:

Carbon Emissions

7.1 The estimated impact on our carbon emissions that must be reported under current statute from this proposal is:

Emission Categories:	Increase in tCO ₂	Saving in tCO ₂
Scope 1 – Fuel – Building Heating	0	0
Scope 1 – Fuel – Transport	0	0
Scope 2 – Electricity	0	0

Environmental Implications

7.2 No material implications

8. Other implications and risks:

8.1 No additional risks have been identified at this time.

8.2 Should there be any risk to the fund being delivered, Norfolk Community Foundation is required to notify the OPCCN as per the conditions of the award.

Originator checklist (must be completed)	Please state 'yes' or 'no'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	No
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	Yes
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes
Have human resource implications been considered?	Yes
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	Yes
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	Yes
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	Yes
Have sustainability and environmental factors been considered? (e.g. biodiversity, employee commuting, business travel, waste and recycling, water, air quality, food and catering and estates construction)	No
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	Yes

Is this report a Confidential Decision?

No

If Yes, please state reasons below having referred to the [PCC Decision Making Policy](#)
Approval to submit to the decision-maker (this approval is required only for submissions to the PCC).

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Chief Executive

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report, that the recommendations have been reviewed and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.

Signature:



Date: 21/03/2024

Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer)

I certify that:

- a) there are no financial consequences as a result of this decision,
Or
- b) the costs identified in this report can be met from existing revenue or capital budgets,
Or
- c) the costs identified in this report can be financed from reserves
And
- d) the decision can be taken on the basis of my assurance that Financial Regulations have been complied with.

Signature:



Date: 25/03/2024

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