

Subject: ASB Wardens for Breckland Market Towns

Originator: Commissioning Officer

Decision no. 05/2026

Reason for submission: For decision

Submitted to: Sarah Taylor - Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk

Summary:

1. As part of the Safer Streets initiative, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk (OPCCN) funded Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Wardens for Thetford, with funding coming to an end on the 31 March 2026.
2. Following the success of the Thetford Town Scheme, Breckland District Council has rolled it out more widely, covering the towns of Attleborough, Thetford, Watton, Dereham and Swaffham.
3. The OPCCN is supporting Breckland District Council to do this by providing a one-off contribution of £10,000 towards the costs of the ASB Wardens in the financial year 2025/2026.

Recommendation:

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to award a grant of £10,000 to support the delivery of the ASB Wardens scheme in the market towns of the Breckland District in the financial year 2025/26.

Outcome/approval by: Sarah Taylor – Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signature: 

Date: 23/01/2026

Detail of the submission

1. Objective:

- 1.1 To provide financial support for the Breckland ASB Warden Scheme to reduce anti-social behaviour in the towns of Attleborough, Thetford, Watton, Dereham and Swaffham and reduce the impact on victims and communities.

2. Background:

- 2.1 Through the Home Office's Safer Streets Fund Round 5, the OPCCN funded ASB Wardens in Thetford Town, which operated until the 31 March 2025.
- 2.2 The project delivered positive outcomes and Breckland District Council has continued and expanded the scheme to include and benefit all market towns in Breckland.
- 2.3 The OPCCN is working in partnership with and supporting Breckland District Council to fund the ASB Wardens by providing a one-off grant of £10,000 in the financial year 2025/2026.

3. Areas for consideration:

- 3.1 Two ASB Wardens are employed, undertaking activity to reduce anti-social behaviour and achieving a combination of the following outcomes:
 - Reduction in crime/ASB.
 - People feeling safer and less fear of crime.
 - Increased pride and reputation of the local area.
 - Increased public visibility of ASB response.
 - Less litter, urination, vomit in public areas.
 - Increased enforcement of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) in the town centres of Attleborough, Thetford, Watton, Dereham and Swaffham.
 - Support for vulnerable people.

4. Other options considered:

- 4.1 Do not award the grant. This would result in the benefits to the town centres and communities listed above not being achieved.

5. Strategic aims/objective supported:

- 5.1 This project supports the following priorities within the Police and Crime Plan 2025-2029:
 - Preventing Crime.
 - Cohesive Communities.
 - Reducing Harm.

6. Financial and other resource implications:

- 6.1 The total value of the grant is £10,000.

6.2 This will be a one-off grant made in the financial year 2025/2026.

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 tCO2	Saving in tCO2
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 None identified.

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?	NO
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)	YES
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).

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: 26/01/2026

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: 27/01/2026

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