

**LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
22 September 2023**

ITEM 8 – Annual Safer Lincolnshire Partnership Report

Q1. Regarding 1.6: Do you have an update from the meeting on 11th September and are there financial implications?

The Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) Response – For uplifting investments, we have been able to advertise two additional posts. We currently have two full time analysts, and two posts are being advertised for an apprenticeship scheme and a senior finance analyst. A full-time manager role has been created to oversee this separate from the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership (SLP) Business Manager with a view to focus on community safety.

There is a roadmap to deliver on over the next 12 months to support the county as a whole, and to drill down more into locality-based activity. Full capacity is not expected for that period of time because there is training and upskilling needed. We are focusing on our operational view of analytical products to support those on the ground to identify meaningful intervention opportunities, which we can then submit business cases back into relevant authorities. This will enable us to identify funding gaps and move staff around.

Q1. (a) Supplementary Question – Clearly there are financial implications to increasing your resources. Have you had the partners providing you with the funding?

The Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) Response – Yes, all the districts have had their funding increased, as well as the PCC. The Integrated Care Board (ICB) are not currently continuing to do any financial uplift as they are prioritising into other statutory boards. Collectively, the strategic board will be looking at all our financing to find more equity.

Q2. Regarding 1.5 on issues of serious violence: Taking into account the future budget pressures, what is the sustainability of the current funding?

The Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) Response – In this term, £3 million pounds has been committed by the Police and Crime Commissioner and £3 million pounds in funding from the Home Office for serious violence.

Appendix B

Home Office Funding for Serious Violence has allocated approximately £750,000 up until 2025. Sustainability is dependent on identifying gaps and putting evidence-based initiatives in place based to establish baseline funding.

Q3. Regarding 1.6: what is the greatest risk to community safety in Lincolnshire?

The Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) Response – Funding is the greatest risk to community safety in Lincolnshire. There are short term pockets of money, but not sustainable money. Engaging in partnerships built across numerous agencies is key. Short term and government funding does not provide baseline for budgets. Elements of community safety needs to be put in baseline budgets so that we can start to drive preventative measures.