



**LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY
BOARD**

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**LRSCSB UPDATE: OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER**

Background

1. The Executive team supporting the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Leicestershire is known as the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). This team has been put together specifically to enable the PCC to successfully carry out his duties. The OPCC is led by a Chief Executive, whose responsibility is to manage the staff team and provide a monitoring role to ensure that standards remain high. The team also includes a Chief Finance Officer to advise the PCC on financial matters and the impact of any decisions regarding the budget, spending and commissioning. Other specialist staff provide support on key areas of business and manage the administrative functions of the OPCC.

Notable developments and challenges:

Past Year

2. We are currently undertaking Safer Streets 5 delivery which will continue until March 2025 for Melton Mowbray and Oadby and Wigston. The Home Office reduced funding by £180k from our original bids so we have had to find ways to find savings for this with as minimal impact as possible. We are still delivering on the key aspects however and we are working to over-deliver some aspects of it, particularly the Target Hardening side. The Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) bid has faced minimal changes in this respect however most the key work we wanted undertaken will still be delivered (infrastructure upgrades, target hardening, CCTV purchases etc)
3. Community Safety Partnership (CSP) funding has closed for this year so we can examine any underspends. We estimate approximately over £100k in underspend will be available which we will shortly make available to CSP's to bid into again as promised. We are working to identify potential themes for bids. This will be a competitive bid process unlike the ring-fenced amounts.

4. We are improving the current system further and new contracts will be sent out so we will no longer need individual grants for each project and instead have one over-arching contract. This is almost ready to go to operational staff for signing but will likely be a welcome change for them.

Coming Year

5. PCC elections are due in May 2024 and this could potentially cause changes in how we work with partners as well as general strategic direction dependent on the outcome.
6. Safer Streets 5 delivery will continue for the next 12 months until March 2025. Some ambitious aims of over-delivering on the Target Hardening side despite the reduction in funding, particularly in areas like Oadby and Wigston and Melton Mowbray where we are hoping to double our intended benefiting homes by the end of the project with home security upgrades.
7. Budgets for CSPs remain the same and contracts will be issued shortly.

Key issues for partnership working or affecting partners

8. Changes in PCC or a new Police and Crime Plan can change priorities and focus and this is something to be aware of for partners. Changes, if any, may be clearer later in the year dependent on any new Police and Crime Plan that is released.

Recommendations for the Board

9. The Board note this report.

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