

## Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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<b>DECISION OR INFORMATION:</b>	Decision
<b>DATE RECEIVED:*</b>	29.06.21
<b>REF:*</b> (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2021.068

<b>TITLE:</b>	Additional Passive Drugs Dog for Nottinghamshire Police
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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A proposal has been received by the Police and Crime Commissioner from the Force to fund the purchase of an additional passive drugs dog at a cost of £24,775.

Passive drugs dogs have proven themselves valuable assets to Nottinghamshire Police in a range of capacities including management of the night time economy (NTE).

Operation PROMOTE and now GUARDIAN has run with demonstrable success in Nottingham city centre's NTE since 2013 helping to reduce violence whilst disrupting and deterring those with drugs and weapons from entering the city centre during a higher-risk period.

The availability of passive drugs dogs within the Force is limited and therefore the ability to expand the use of this resource to other areas of the county will be limited at the current capacity.

This proposal will increase the capability and capacity of the Force in the use of a valuable tactic and provide for this functionality to be more readily available across the Force Area.

### INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (e.g. report or business case)

Operation GUARDIAN has consistently demonstrated an on average reduction in violence in the NTE when it is deployed of around 25%. Passive drugs dogs have also previously been successfully deployed in neighbourhoods to disrupt and deter criminality under Operation YEORLING.

Operation REACHER teams have also more recently demonstrated the effectiveness of proactive policing approaches in neighbourhoods across the entire Force Area. Additional passive drugs dog capacity and capability within Nottinghamshire Police will enable it to further expand its approaches locally without reducing the availability of a key asset to the well-

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established Operation GUARDIAN approach utilised in Nottingham City Centre which is supported by the city's Late Night Levy. The Levy's funds can only be disbursed in the area in which they are raised (the city of Nottingham local authority area) and may only be utilised in support of policing the NTE and attendant matters.

Monies are available to the Commissioner in a joint fund held with the Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire Police to support investment to enhance the capabilities and operational effectiveness of the Force. It is proposed that some of these funds be utilised to support this increase in capability which will further enable the Force to pursue the objectives of preventing and detecting crime, disrupting the activities of organised crime and in bringing offenders to justice.

It is further suggested that the visible use of the passive drugs dogs will enhance trust and confidence in policing and better equip officers to use the tactic of stop and search proportionately and with demonstrable justification.

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following costs have been identified by Nottinghamshire Police attending to the the purchase of a passive drugs dog and necessary expenditure to allocate it to a trained handler:

#### Passive Drugs Dog Costs

	Cost for 1st Year	Cost for subsequent yrs
Dog Purchase	3000	
Initial Training Course (8 weeks)		
Handler Cost	7840	
Trainer Cost	8400	
Continuation Training (50hrs yr)		
Handler Cost	1400	1400
Trainer Cost	1500	1500
Monthly Allowance paid to the handler for 2nd Dog	960	960
Kennel Cost for home address	675	
Food	250	250


\*\* See guidance on non-public information

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Vet	750	750
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>24775</b>	<b>4860</b>

It is therefore proposed that the Commissioner approve the allocation of £24,775 to the Force for the increase of the Force's passive drugs dog capacity.

Ongoing costs shall be met by Nottinghamshire Police from their core funding allocation.

<b>Signature:</b> Chief Finance Officer	
<b>Date:</b>	29th June 2021

<b>Is any of the supporting information classified as non-public or confidential information?*</b>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please state under which category from the guidance**				
<b>DECISION:</b>				
It is requested that the Police and Crime Commissioner approve the allocation of £24,775 to Nottinghamshire Police for the procurement and set-up costs for an additional passive drugs dog.				

<b>LEGAL SERVICES OPINION:</b>	
Permissible expenditure	
<b>Signature:</b>	 Michelle Tilston
<b>Date:</b>	29 June 2021

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**Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision****DECLARATION:**

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and I take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Any interests are indicated below:

The above request has my approval

**Signature:**  
**Nottinghamshire Police**  
**& Crime Commissioner**



**Date:**

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021