

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
DATE RECEIVED:*	28.02.2024
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2024.022

TITLE:	ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IMMEDIATE JUSTICE (ASB IJ) – Website £24,999
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In March 2023, the Home Office announced that Nottinghamshire had been chosen to pilot an Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) Immediate Justice (IJ) Project.

Tackling antisocial behaviour is a key priority within the Commissioner's Make Notts Safe (Police and Crime) Plan. Nottinghamshire, including Nottingham City, is one of 16 Police and Crime Commissioner areas that have received significant funding (**up to £1m each in 2024-25** and **£1m in 2024-25**¹) to clamp down on these types of ASB as part of the Government's Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan.

Decision record reference **2024.007** details the full funding allocation for 2023-24 financial year to pay for other aspects of the project. This decision relates specifically to funding the ASB IJ Website.

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

Under the pilot, Nottinghamshire will trial a new "immediate justice" scheme, where those found committing ASB (including crime types which have an ASB nature) will be made to undertake reparative community improvement work (e.g., helping to improve the environment by undertaking clean-ups) - with an ambition for them to start work as soon as 48 hours after their offence so victims know antisocial behaviour is treated seriously and with urgency.

The funding forms part of a national strategy to establish a zero-tolerance approach to all forms of antisocial behaviour and give the police and local authorities the tools they need to tackle the problem.

ASB is recognised to have a real impact on people's quality of life and their feelings of safety. The funding will help community safety partners across Nottinghamshire work together to implement plans to target this issue.

The immediate justice pilot scheme is expected to deter anti-social behaviour, step up enforcement action against offenders, make sure crimes are punished more quickly and drive deterrence efforts, helping to stop anti-social behaviour spiralling into more serious criminality.

Visible reparation activity will take place in key locations across the whole of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire and OPCC and Redsnapper are working closely with local authorities and the City Council to identify suitable places where they can undertake environmental clean-ups to improve feelings

¹ The ASB IJ Home Office funding for 2024-25 is predicated on receipt of a grant agreement and will be subject to a further decision record detailing how the funding is to be allocated.

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of safety also. Both offender and place will be risk assessed by Redsnapper (commissioned to oversee the Reparation Activity) to ensure they are suitable.

The intention is to identify suitable incidents appropriate for referring into the new joint Immediate Justice Reparation Unit. We will explore ways in which more ASB offences e.g. fly tipping can be disposed of using the IJ scheme.

We will seek to identify suitable visible reparation activities such as:

- Litter-picking in public parks and high streets
- Site clean-up after council funded events
- Proactive or reactive cleaning of civic memorials
- Installation of hanging baskets or temporary civic notices
- Gardening of communal flower beds in town centres
- Cleaning of graffiti on bus shelters, tram stops or train stations or public signage
- Basic repairs of damaged public property, or private property with victim/owner consent
- Explore the prospect of social action (cleaning canals) as suitable reparation work
- Clean ups in Youth Centres

The Home Office funding criteria stipulates that victims and local communities should have a say in the type of reparation activity undertaken; and ideally to be undertaken in the locations where the ASB takes place. To achieve this, a new 'Fix My Street' style website will be built by Society Works to support the PCC's ASB IJ Home Office funded project. It will allow ASB victims and other community residents to nominate locations suitable for environmental improvements to take place.

Residents will be able to upload photographs of the improvements e.g., litter, detritus, graffiti which require environmental improvements and use the website engine and mapping to pinpoint the exact location to allow a risk assessment.

All photographs and associated details will be held by Society Works and retained in line with agreed protocols. Similar websites have been developed for numerous Local Authorities responsible for environmental improvements. Personal data will not be made public e.g. personal details

The ASB IJ SRO and Deputy SRO will oversee the project and will interface with the supplier. An external organisation e.g. Red Snapper will be able to access the website (as will all members of the public) to enable a risk assessment and schedule suitable reparation activity in response. The service provider Society Works will provide administration 'policing' to ensure that offensive or unsuitable communications are removed.

Due to exceptional reasons the service provider has not been procured through the usual competitive procurement process and this decision was subject to a separate approval process.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Capital					Revenue				
	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
BUDGET						£15,099	£9,900			

^{**} See guidance on non-public information

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The website is to be funded entirely from the Home Office ASB IJ grant and will be paid for across two financial years as shown above. These figures are excl. VAT.										
Signature: Chief Finance Officer		REDACTED								
Date:	13.03.24									
Is any of the supporting information classified as non-public or confidential information?**					No	\boxtimes				
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DECISION:										
To approve the ASB IJ £24,999 (excl. VAT) funding allocation to Society Works as set out in the above table.										
OFFICER APPROVAL:										
I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that the appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.										
Signature: Chief Executive										
Date:	15.03.24									
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	lottinghamshire Police &									
Date:		15.03.24								

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