

Chief Superintendent Jim Pearce  
Chair of Safer Cornwall  
Cornwall Council

Sent by email

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Dear Jim

### **PCC Partnership Funding for COVID 19 unlock and Summer 2021**

I am writing to you in your position as the Chair of Safer Cornwall, to advise you of some additional funding arrangements that I am putting in place through my office. A total of £350,000 is being made available across Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly as we begin to move out of COVID 19 restrictions and into what is predicted by us all to be a very busy summer.

I am allocating, following discussion with senior policing leads, £350,000 of OPCC funding to support additional partnership activity with Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) and local authorities over the period up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021. This funding will be focused on helping to prevent anti-social behaviour by young people in public spaces and on providing additional support in hotspot locations, such as busy night time economies. This funding is in addition to monies already in place supporting policing activities associated with the COVID 19 restrictions and summer 2021.

The £350,000 in funding being made available will operate in two ways.

- ***Preventing Youth ASB in public spaces***  
£100,000 is being shared across the four top tier CSPs which will be available to support additional interventions and activities to prevent anti social behaviour by young people in public spaces. This funding will be distributed on the same basis as our wider CSP funding is distributed in the Commissioning Intentions Plan for 2021/22. For Safer Cornwall £28,210. To access this funding we will require submission of a spending plan. This funding is available from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 and will need to be spent by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- ***Hotspot intervention funding***  
Up to £10,000 of PCC funding will be available for agreed hotspot locations. These hotspots will be identified by the OPCC working in consultation with the police and discussed with CSP teams. There will be an initial Phase 1 list of hotspots but some funding will be retained for emergent hotspots in view of the dynamic situation that is expected over the coming months. Funding will be available for specific interventions and will be focused primarily on busy night-

time economies (ENTE). The potential interventions will include additional CCTV monitoring hours, ENTE and taxi marshals and support for schemes helping to reduce drunken vulnerability in those areas. A match funding requirement of £10,000 will be required for hotspots. This requirement can be met through local funds or potentially government funding but it will not be possible to use existing OPCC funding streams as match funding. We will require submission of a spending plan for these funds and funding will need to be spent by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

I know that considerable work is already taking place locally to make preparations for both the gradual easing of restrictions and the upcoming summer season. We look forward to working with you to support those local endeavours to keep our residents and our visitors safe.

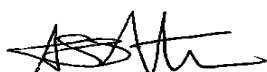
Officers within the OPCC will be working over the coming weeks to finalise the arrangements for the distribution of this funding. This includes the arrangements for hotspot funding and the interventions that will be eligible for match funding. The lead officer in the OPCC for this work is Lisa Vango who can be contacted at 07702 924357 or at [lisa.vango@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lisa.vango@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk) . Lisa will be in contact with you and Erika to arrange a meeting to discuss these arrangements in more detail.

On a related matter, you will be aware that the government announced, last Friday, a new Welcome Back Fund with £56 million being allocated to local authorities to support re-opening of public spaces. I was particularly encouraged to see the commitment in the announcement that every coastal resort in England will receive support through this fund. We await precise details of how this funding will operate.

I would be keen to understand how the Welcome Back Fund, and any other government funding streams, could assist and support collective efforts on community safety in Cornwall's public spaces over this period. I am sure that these conversations are already taking place within the council following the announcement and that the CSP is actively engaged in them. I look forward to understanding what further opportunities this may present for community safety.

I am copying this letter to the Safer Cornwall CSP Manager.

Kind regards



**Alison Hernandez**  
**Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly**