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# PCC Funding Initiatives

## Telford & Wrekin

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## The Commissioner's Grant Scheme (CGS)

This budget focuses on projects committed to delivering outcomes in the Safer West Mercia Plan.

### £43,225

**To Telford & Wrekin Council.** This proposal is for the Police and Crime Commissioner to provide up to a maximum of £200,000 in funding to Telford and Wrekin Council in support of the transition and establishment of civil enforcement in the Borough. This funding would be available for up to four years, at a maximum level that reduces each year, to cover any deficit incurred by the Council in establishing civil enforcement.

### £500,000 (2020/21 and 2022/23)

**For Safe, Stronger Communities.** This Project is a partnership initiative between Telford & Wrekin Borough Council and the Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia. It will seek to address the root causes of crime within targeted areas, improving life for communities within Telford & Wrekin. The total £1.5m investment will be split equally across the two years of the project. £750,000 will be committed in year one (2021/22), and the remaining £750,000 in year two (2022/23). The PCC contribution is £500K over 2 years.

### £40,000 – Steer Clear Link Worker

To the Children's Society for the Steer Clear Link Worker. Providing a single link worker for Telford's serious violence strategic and operational groups. The post will be working with children and young people in, or at risk of criminal exploitation. S/he will build resilience in young people through a trauma informed, protective behaviours approach; supporting them into making positive choices, improving their critical thinking skills, and providing healthy, stable and supportive frameworks. The purpose is to divert young people through enhanced intensive support.

### £30,000 – Fly-Tipping

Working in partnership with the National Farmers Union, Smart Water and West Mercia Police Business and Rural crime Team to deliver a new, innovate and sustainable approach to tackle fly tipping on private land based on the areas of prevention, enforcement and cope and recover.

### £490,881 – Safer Streets 4

The PCC was successful in being awarded this funding from the Governments fourth round of Safer Streets. The funding will be used to improve safety of women and girls across West Mercia. Furthermore, the funding will be invested to increase the number of street watch schemes, provide a digital platform for volunteers to support victims, run an education programme for partners working in the night time economy and schools and colleges focused on healthy relationships.

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## Preventing/Reducing Burglary

Upper Tier Local Authority Councillors have access to financial support for reducing acquisitive crime. The PCC is offering a 25% contribution to the We Don't Buy Crime (WDBC) scheme increasing the reach across West Mercia. £87,710 has been made available from the PCC to invest in this initiative. WDBC towns and villages are where 70% of residential properties have marked their possessions with smartwater (a water-based solution with a unique forensic code that shows up under UV light) WDBC signs are installed through the village/town warning potential offenders to prevent burglary. Traces of smartwater found on offender, provides the evidence required for a successful prosecution. Registered smartwater identified on stolen property increases the likelihood of it being returned to the owner. Since 2015 9,247 Smartwater kits have been registered in Telford & Wrekin.

## Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Grants

Each CSP is provided with a ring-fenced budget from the PCC. This budget is spent on pro-active community safety initiatives, addressing local needs and creating a safer and more secure West Mercia.

## Core funding £158,934 allocated as follows:

### £20,000 – CSP Analyst

This will be provided by the Research & Intelligence Team of Telford & Wrekin Council. This team support the Council and other partnerships with analytical support and have a wide range of skills and knowledge.

### £35,000 – Domestic Abuse

As a contribution towards the IDVA provision contracted to West Mercia Women's Aid.

### £5,000 – IOM

IOM and reducing reoffending is a long-established issue linked to expanding preventative measures, community safety would be greatly improved. The funding will be utilised to take up schemes such as the "Buddi-tag system" and the charitable Probation Care Trust who offer immediate, tailored support to offenders across West Mercia, to assist them in integrating back into the community and breaking the cycle of reoffending.

### £56,000 – Hate Crime

To provide funding for a 12-month project which will deliver an engagement and awareness programme to increase public awareness of and confidence in reporting hate-related crimes and incidents. We will achieve this by targeting organisations that are closely related to those at higher risk of vulnerability or are community based to broaden our reach to those who

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might otherwise feel apprehension in reporting.

### **£9,197 - Crimestoppers**

Funding contributes towards the salary of a Regional Manager who will deliver 3 anti-crime campaigns a year.

**CCTV**  
**£20,000**

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## **Commissioner's Community Fund (CCF)**

The PCC provides the safer neighbourhood teams with the autonomy to support local initiatives. A branch of this fund is for 'safer roads', whereby SNT's can apply for funding to prevent the harm caused by a road traffic collision in the areas they serve.

### **Commissioner's Community Fund (CCF)**

Some examples include:

#### **£2,000 - Crimestoppers**

To Crimestoppers. To increase awareness in young people of the dangers of knife crime and youth violence. Educating them on how to report issues anonymously if they feel they or an associate are at risk or if they have witnessed a crime.

#### **£2,000 - Queens Jubilee Celebration highlighting the Windrush Generation**

Cultural Family Fun Day event celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the commemoration of the Windrush Generation influence in the community and surrounding areas over the last 70 years.

### **Commissioner's Community Fund (Safer Roads)**

Some examples include:

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The above list of PCC funding initiatives is in addition to the West Mercia wide funded projects which are also available to the communities of **Telford and Wrekin**.