



# Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

**REQUEST FOR POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER DECISION - (N° 017 / 2016)**

**TITLE: Cumbria Youth Engagement Scheme (CYES)**

**Executive Summary:** (Précis not more than 100 words)

The 2015/16 Commissioning intentions for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner committed to the development of a scheme that developed positive police and youth engagement (PAYES). Predicated on a model delivered in Merseyside a bespoke scheme (Cumbria Youth Engagement Scheme (CYES)) has been developed for Cumbria.

**Aim:** To support young people in Cumbria to make positive decisions in order that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and that their conditions of life may be improved.

This is achieved by providing for the following objectives:

- Building positive and meaningful relationships between the Police and young people;
- Strengthen a positive Police profile in the community through these relationships;
- Delivering a structured 3 year Personal Development Programme;
- Building self-esteem and a sense of purpose through personal challenge in a supportive environment;
- Assisting young people to live and work together in the interests of raising community spirit.

Financial support includes £6,000 from the Hadley Trust, £1,447 of bursary subsidy (Brathay/South Lakeland District Council) towards each residential. £6,000 is requested from the PCC to run the programme for 2 cohorts.

This proposal is to pilot year 1 of the scheme in two locations in Cumbria. The police will provide the community activity and identify the young people and Brathay will run 2 first stage residential for 20 young people.

**Recommendation:**

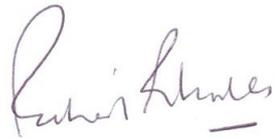
That the PCC confirms his support of the Cumbria Youth Engagement Scheme (CYES) and approves a contribution to partnership funding of £6000.

**Police & Crime Commissioner**

I confirm that I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner. Any such interests are recorded below.

I hereby approve/~~do not approve~~ the recommendation(s) above

**Police & Crime Commissioner / ~~Chief Executive~~ (delete as appropriate)**



**Signature:**

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016**

**PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC****1. Introduction & Background**

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**Cohort**

Participants will be:

- Aged between 12 –13 at the outset of the scheme;
- Residing within Ormsgill, Barrow or Mirehouse, Whitehaven.
- NOT having come to the adverse attention of the Police; and
- Interacting with peers/family members who have come to Police attention;

## Community Activities

Throughout the programme police staff provide a number of opportunities for young people to engage in. These are, on the whole, a mixture of leisure and social activities, and may include:

- Day trips
- Holiday activities
- Providing educational workshops on social welfare
- Improved access to leisure facilities
- Creating links to other opportunities
- Skills training workshops.

### Year 1

In year one, twenty young people stay at Brathay accompanied by Police staff. They are introduced to a variety of challenging activities such as ghyll scrambling, abseiling and ropes courses. These activities are specifically designed to encourage the young people to work together and develop self-esteem.

Through a process of experience and reflection the young people start to learn and set parameters for their own behaviour. In negotiation with the police volunteers they will consult over practical issues such as what time to go to bed, when to arrive for activities and how to conduct themselves safely away from home. This is a fundamentally important initiation into the scheme. The values and goals the young people set out for themselves now will constitute the backbone of what is acceptable and not acceptable for the duration of the scheme.

The group takes time to agree the ground rules.  
“Ground rules for the course and consequences were laid down early creating a safe environment.”

Utilising the appraisal system, 15 candidates are selected to move on to level 2 of the scheme. The young people are given progressively greater responsibility. They are now encouraged to take on tasks as a team and reflect on how they perform and what can be learnt from their experiences.

They stay in a self-catering mountain hut far removed from their usual surroundings. Challenges include preparing meals for the group, looking after the hut and going on a mini camping expedition.

At this level the young people begin to consider how they can transfer their learning back to life in their communities.

Learning to pull together.  
*“I learnt to trust in myself and help others, also to trust other people.”*

Again challenge and responsibility increase. At Level 3 10 young people go away on expedition. They play a participatory role in the decisions and planning for the trip, before living as a small group in tents and out of rucksacks.

Once more, emphasis is placed on reflecting what they can learn from the experience and how this learning can be used in their lives at home. Each individual spends some time with the police and Brathay trainers designing an “Action Plan” for the future.

## 2. Issues for Consideration

### 3. Implications

**(List and include views of all those consulted, whether they agree or disagree and why)**

#### 3.1 Financial:

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#### Summary

|                               | Cost    | Funding already secured | Funding required |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Stage 1 residential, cohort 1 | £7,447  | £7,447                  | £0               |
| Stage 1 residential, cohort 2 | £7,447  | £1,447                  | £6,000           |
| Total                         | £14,894 | £8,894                  | £6,000           |

#### 3.1. Legal:

#### 3.2. Risk:

#### 3.3. HR / Equality:

#### 3.4. I.T.:

#### 3.5. Procurement:

##### 3.5.1. Grant agreements with Brathay Trust

#### 3.6. Victims:

## 4. Backgrounds / supporting papers

(List any relevant business case, EIA, PID, Media Strategy and append to this form; list persons consulted during the preparation of the report)

**Public Access to Information**

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and other legislation. Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PCC website within 3 working days of approval. Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made automatically available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate Part 2 form. Deferment is only applicable where release before that date would not compromise the implementation of the decision being approved.

Is the publication of this form to be deferred? YES / **NO**

If yes, for what reason:

Until what date (if known):

Is there a **Part 2** form - YES / **NO**

(If Yes, please ensure Part 2 form is completed prior to submission)

**ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:**

I confirm that this report has been considered by the Chief Officer Group and that relevant financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report.

**Signed: Vivian Stafford**

**Date: 07 March 2016**

**OFFICER APPROVAL**

**Chief Executive / ~~Deputy Chief Executive~~ (delete as appropriate)**

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities 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 / Chief Executive (delete as appropriate).

**Signature: S. Edwards**

**Date: 07 March 2016**

**Media Strategy**

The decision taken by the Police & Crime Commissioner may require a press announcement or media strategy.

Will a press release be required following the decision being considered? YES / NO

If yes, has a media strategy been formulated? YES / **NO**

Is the media strategy attached? YES / NO

What is the proposed date of the press release: