



### OPCC Record of Decision

To provide funding to the University of Plymouth to design, deliver and report on a follow-up community survey in Keyham and its surrounding areas of Ford, Morice Town and North Prospect to serve as a comparison to that completed for the Safer Keyham Independent Evaluation in Autumn 2023, at a total cost of £23,798.54.

#### Decision Record prepared by

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Date of Decision:	31/07/2023

#### 1. Background

- 1.1 In the aftermath of the Plymouth mass shooting in August 2021 funding was awarded by the Home Office to appoint an academic partner to undertake an independent evaluation of the “A Safer Keyham” activities. The scope of the evaluation at a minimum was to look at the Home Office funded Community Policing and Community Safety activity and the Ministry of Justice funded Victim Support services in Keyham.
- 1.2 The University of Plymouth has been appointed as the academic evaluation partner. They will be seeking to provide an evidence base for responding to a mass shooting from a community policing, community safety and victim support perspective. The evaluation will provide national learning in ‘what works’ to support a community following such an event if one were to occur in future.
- 1.3 The initial one year evaluation was funded as part of the Home Office Safer Keyham grant award and the OPCC (Serious Violence Prevention Programme) agreed to fund the continuation of the evaluation for years two and three.
- 1.4 In year one of the evaluation, the University of Plymouth, undertook a community survey to understand what residents thought about the Safer Keyham recovery programme and how they feel about the area they live in. These findings informed the first evaluation report which can be found here:  
<https://pearl.plymouth.ac.uk/bitstream/handle/10026.1/20932/Safer%20Keyham%20evaluation%20FINAL%20REPORT.pdf?sequence=3&isAllowed=y>
- 1.5 A follow up community survey provides a unique opportunity, over a longer period:
  - To measure community engagement with and perceptions of community safety interventions, neighbourhood policing and victim support services two years after the critical incident that occurred in Keyham in summer 2021.



- To serve as a comparator to its first iteration and thus allow consideration of the sustainability of interventions as well as community feelings of safety and/or unsafety.
- To evidence good practice of a mechanism for gauging community needs and perceptions in relation to community safety interventions, community policing and victim support after a critical incident.

## **2. Decision Record**

- 2.1 To provide additional funding for a total of £23,798.54 to undertake a follow up community survey.

## **3. Consultation, Engagement and Communication**

- 3.1 This funding was approved by the Police and Crime Commissioner in response to the mass shooting in Plymouth to support the continued recovery of the community. The funding was agreed in consultation with the Treasurer of the OPCC and the Senior Responsible Officers for A Safer Keyham.

## **4. OPCC Monitoring Officer advice**

- 4.1 The PCC's Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer has advised that the arrangements set out in the proposal meet the requirements of the relevant legislation and the needs of the organisation.

The PCC's CEO and Monitoring Officer has advised that this decision is within the powers of those making it and that, from the information provided, there would not appear to be any adverse legal, managerial, equality or GDPR implications arising from the proposal.

EDHR obligations have been considered when taking this decision and on this occasion it is not necessary to complete an Equality Impact Assessment. The decision will not impact on human resources, equality or diversity obligations.

## **4.2 Financial and Commercial – Current and Future**

The PCC's Chief Finance Officer and S151 Officer has advised that the arrangements are consistent with the financial priorities and role of the PCC.

## **5. Supporting documents:**

- 5.1 None

## **6. Official approval**

- 6.1 Following the appropriate approval, this decision sheet will be published, subject to FOIA classification, on the OPCC website.



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The Recommendation for Decision as outlined in this report is formally approved and subject to Freedom of Information Classification will be published on the OPCC website:

**Police and Crime Commissioner**

**Governance Signature by  
Chief Financial Officer**

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Signed  
Print: Alison Hernandez  
Date: 2 August 2023

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Signed  
Print: Nicola Allen  
Date: 2 August 2023

Equality Impact Assessment attached	<b>N/A</b>
Data Protection Impact Assessment attached	<b>N/A</b>
<i>Decision logged in register?</i>	✓
<i>Decision published on OPCC website?</i>	✓