



OPCC Record of Decision

This is a record of the decision made by the Commissioner and Chief Executive to sponsor the award for ‘Combating Violence Against Women and Girls’ at The West Country Women’s Awards 2024

The mission of the West Country Women Awards is to celebrate and honour the achievements of women in the West Country, recognising their outstanding contributions to various fields and their positive impact on the community.

Through this platform, they aim to empower, inspire, and support women, fostering a culture of inclusivity and equality while highlighting their remarkable accomplishments.

Decision Record prepared by

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Date of Decision:	16.10.24

1. Background

In 2022 the founder of West Country Women Awards, Alexis Bowater created a new award for ‘Combating Violence Against Women and Girls’.

Alexis is an award-winning journalist and presenter who has worked in the media for nearly twenty years. Alexis anchored the ITV evening news in the west country for seven years before becoming a campaigning Chief Executive of national Network for Surviving Stalking.

She has built up the West Country Women’s Awards to be a prestigious awards event, gaining much traction across the West Country and an opportunity to identify those who work tirelessly above their normal day to day jobs in keeping women and girls safe from violent crime across the West Country.

The Commissioner’s Police and Crime Plan 2021 – 2025 and [draft plan 2025-2029](#) clearly sets out violence as a policing priority, and in the current plan there is an emphasis on the national recognised increase in violent crime, specifically towards women and girls. There was also additional funding via the government through the Safer Streets project to this office to tackle violence against women and girls.



Sponsoring the award named 'Combatting Violence Against Women and Girls' therefore lends itself to promoting, recognising and thanking those for the work that they are doing in this area of crime prevention and support.

2. Decision Record

- 2.1 The Commissioner and Chief Executive intend to support the West Country Women Awards which is a Crowdfunded event and sponsor an award at the event. The cost for this is £4495.00
- 2.3 Supporting this event provides an opportunity to showcase the work being done in the area to tackle violence against women and girls. As well as the reach gained in the build up to the finals event through media opportunities and the three build up events held to promote the award ceremony, this cost includes a gala dinner for 10, plus the three finalists and their partners to attend. The evening provides an opportunity to network with significant other stakeholders.

3. Consultation, Engagement and Communication

- 3.1 Elizabeth Record, the OPCC's organiser for the award had received a request via email from the event organisers to sponsor this award for the third year running.
- 3.2 Elizabeth Record spoke in person to the Chief Executive and Commissioner who verbally agreed that on the basis of the previous success of this event it was a well worthy event to support once again as a great opportunity to highlight the work being done on this policing priority.

4. OPCC Monitoring Officer Advice

4.1 Legal, Management, Equality and GDPR Implications – Current and Future

- a) No legal advice was required prior to the Commissioner or Chief Executive taking this decision.
- b) 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.
- c) GDPR obligations have been considered when taking this decision and on this occasion it is not necessary to complete a Data Protection Impact Assessment

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 good governance and ensuring value for money.

The PCC's Chief Finance Officer and S151 Officer has advised that the financial implications are set out within this decision and are both reasonable and deliverable. This will help support the organisation in its drive to be as efficient and effective as possible.

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
Monitoring Officer or
Chief Financial Officer** *(Delete as appropriate)*

Signed
Print: Alison Hernandez
Date: 16.10.24

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Equality Impact Assessment attached *[Tick if completed]*

Data Protection Impact Assessment attached *[Tick if completed]*

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