



OPCC Record of Decision

A grant is awarded to PARC (Plymouth Against Retail Crime) to provide greater access for businesses to utilise services to tackle and reduce retail crime.

Decision Record prepared by

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Date of Decision:	8 October 2025

1. Background

1.1 The Plymouth Against Retail Crime (PARC) initiative is an established collaboration bringing together the police, City Centre Company, Plymouth City Council and Storenet Radio Link. Their mission is to create a safe and secure retail environment for both businesses and customers in Plymouth. This expansion plan provides a robust framework for tackling retail crime in Plymouth.

1.2 As part of the Police and Crime Plan priorities the Commissioner is funding a range of interventions to support businesses and increase safety in towns across Devon and Cornwall Police area.

1.3 This grant will enable businesses to access PARC membership in a further 10 areas outside of the immediate Plymouth city centre boundary.

1.4 These target areas include:

- a) Devonport, Stoke, Keyham, St Budeaux, Milehouse
- b) Barbican, The Waterfront
- c) Mutley, Laira, Peverell, Efford, Cattedown
- d) Plympton, Marsh Mills, Newnham
- e) Plymstock, Billacombe, Mount Batten, Elburton, Stadiscombe, Oreston
- f) Ivybridge, Sherford, Sparkwell
- g) Crownhill, Southway, West Park, Woolwell
- h) Smithaleigh, Hemerdon
- i) Estover, Leigham, Eggbuckland
- j) Yealmpton

1.5 The expansion plan consists of two implementation phases:

- Phase 1 – (November 2025 to March 2026) implement PARC membership expansion to areas a,b and c
- Phase 2 – (April 2026 to March 2027) PARC membership expansion to areas d to j



1.6 Objectives:

- Contribute to the Police and Crime Plan priority of tackling theft and shoplifting on our high streets.
- Reduce the incidence of retail crime in Plymouth.
- Increase collaboration between retailers, law enforcement, and the community.
- Promote awareness and prevention strategies across the retail sector.
- Enhance reporting and data collection.

2. Decision Record

2.1 To issue an 18-month grant to PARC to support businesses to access PARC membership and crime prevention approaches in 10 areas outside of Plymouth city centre boundary.

2.2 Total grant value of £58,000.

3. Consultation, Engagement and Communication

3.1 A decision was made by the Police and Crime Commissioner following a meeting with PARC on 8 October 2025.

4. OPCC Monitoring Officer advice

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

- 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.
- 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.

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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Police and Crime Commissioner**Governance Signature by
Monitoring Officer**



 Signed
 Print: Alison Hernandez
 Date: 02/12/2025

 Signed
 Print: Fran Hughes
 Date: 02/12/2025

Equality Impact Assessment attached <i>[Tick if completed]</i>	N/A
Data Protection Impact Assessment attached <i>[Tick if completed]</i>	N/A
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