



OPCC Record of Decision

The PCC awards a community safety grant to Band of Brothers for the purpose providing support to crucial, men at risk of, or involved in the criminal justice system.

This includes the young men who have experienced or witnessed domestic violence or at risk of entering it.

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Date of Decision:	October 2025

1. Background

1. A Band of Brothers (ABOB) is a Cornwall based organisation which supports young men aged 18 to 25 who are involved in, or at risk of entering, the criminal justice system. Through a structured rites-of-passage programme and long-term mentoring, the project helps participants build emotional resilience, find meaning and purpose, and to connect with their communities.
2. The project addresses urgent needs in Cornwall linked to trauma, isolation, and cycles of offending among young men. Many participants have histories of abuse, neglect, and exposure to substance misuse. ABOB provides them with a trusted network and structured support to build healthier relationships, manage anger, reduce violent behaviour, and take steps into education or employment, transforming their lives.
3. The programme is expected to significantly improve mental wellbeing, reduce reoffending, and increase community safety. In 2024, 90% of ABOB participants said they'd reduced their offending behaviour and 99% reported increased levels of hope, motivation and possibility for their lives. The wider impact includes stronger community ties and reduced burden on public services.
4. Implementation timeline:
 - 1st November 2025 – 31st May 2026.



2. Decision Record

- 2.1 To issue a community safety grant to Band of Brothers to support young men aged 18 to 25 who are involved in, or at risk of entering, the criminal justice system.

The total grant value of £10,000.00.

3. Consultation, Engagement and Communication

- 3.1 Not required.

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.

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

Alison Hernandez

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