



OPCC Record of Decision

The Police and Crime Commissioner is providing funding to add capacity to local Neighbourhood Watch. This funding will be used by Our Watch for the purpose of increasing the Our Watch Regional Co-ordinator post, to deliver a full time role (37 hours per week) to work primarily in Cornwall enhancing grassroot Neighbourhood Watch schemes. This will develop a stronger focus on establishing a self-sustaining Neighbourhood Watch network across Cornwall with dedicated area coordinators and with Camborne as a special area of interest due to the progress already made and in line with the Street Focus plans.

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Date of Decision:	26 February 2025

1. Background

1. The Our Watch Regional Co-ordinator role has previously been funded to work across Devon and Cornwall developing Neighbourhood Watch networks. The funding for this role has been increased to a full time (37 hours per week) role to develop a stronger focus on establishing a self-sustaining Neighbourhood Watch network.
2. The postholder will utilise 80% of their working time to support and enhance grassroot Neighbourhood Watch schemes in Cornwall aligned with the Commissioner's Street Focus programme in Camborne and 20% will develop a Neighbourhood Watch Area Lead for Torbay area and help support work in Castle Circus, Torquay aligned to Street Focus Torquay.
3. For all areas, this will continue to develop effective engagement with Local Neighbourhood policing teams with local Coordinators and educate policing teams of the value of Neighbourhood Watch.
4. The additional grant funding of £12,100 added to the original grant of £27,900, equates to a total of £40,000. Until the 31st March 2026.



2. Decision Record

2.1 To issue a 12-month top up community safety grant to Our Watch to support a full time Neighbourhood Watch regional co-ordinator role across Devon and Cornwall.

The total grant value of £12,100.00.

3. Consultation, Engagement and Communication

3.1 A decision was made by the Police and Crime Commissioner and CEO following submission of a business case from Our Watch on 26 February 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.

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)**



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Date: 21/01/2026



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