



OPCC Record of Decision

The funding for the **Cornwall Council – Safer Penzance Graffiti Reduction and Environmental project** was agreed to be funded from the Strategic Interventions budget.

Decision Record prepared by	
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Date of Decision:	27.07.2026

1. Cornwall Council – Safer Penzance Graffiti Reduction and Environmental project:

- 1.1 Penzance continues to experience persistent issues with graffiti and tagging in prominent locations across the town, creating visual blight, generating ongoing cleaning costs, and negatively affecting perceptions of safety and civic pride. Several locations have been subject to repeated incidents of racist, offensive or hate-related graffiti, requiring regular intervention.
- 1.2 During 2025, Cornwall Council's Community Safety Team developed a successful partnership with the Probation Service's Unpaid Work Teams to undertake graffiti removal and repainting works at key locations, including the Penzance Sea wall. Feedback from local residents, businesses and stakeholders has been overwhelmingly positive, demonstrating the value of visible environmental improvement activity as part of wider community safety work.
- 1.3 The proposed project would enable continued deployment of Probation Service Unpaid Work Teams to remove graffiti and improve affected locations across Penzance whilst also providing flexibility to commission a mural or piece of public artwork at an appropriate location should opportunities arise during the project period. Safer Penzance partners such as the local Anti-Social Behaviour Officer and Community Safety Officer will proactively work to identify and gain where necessary, landowner permissions, across the town to participate in having unsightly graffiti painted over.
- 1.4 This approach supports local priorities relating to:
 - Community safety.
 - Reduction of anti-social behaviour.
 - Environmental improvement.
 - Community pride and place-making.
 - Partnership working and visible neighbourhood enhancement.



2. Decision Record

- 2.1 To issue a grant for £8,100 one-off funding to Cornwall Council to contribute towards the artist fees and material costs of the pilot.

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 have 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 have 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 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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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**

Signed

Print: Alison Hernandez
Date: 29/07/26

Signed
Print: Frances Hughes
Date: 29/07/26

Equality Impact Assessment attached [Tick if completed]

Data Protection Impact Assessment attached [Tick if completed]

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