



Request for a Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner Decision

SECTION 1

Please identify who is requesting the decision:			
OPFCC Decision?	Y	Decision Number:	PF/010/26
CCFRA Decision?	N	Decision Number:	CF xxxx/yyyy
Constabulary Decision?	N	Decision Number:	CC xxxx/yyyy

(Please indicate whether this is a PART 1 or PART 2 decision (For Part 2 decisions, only the Section 1 is to be published)

PART 1 Decision:		PART 2 Decision:	✓
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DECISION TITLE:

Community Fund 2026/27 Round 2: Review Findings, Launch Approval and Allocation of Additional Funding

Executive Summary: (no more than 100 words)

Following the successful launch of the Community Fund in 2026, Round 1 attracted unprecedented demand, receiving 151 applications requesting £337,983.94. A post-round review concluded that the programme remains effective, well governed and aligned to Police, Fire and Crime Plan priorities, while identifying opportunities to improve efficiency, eligibility guidance and applicant understanding. This paper seeks approval to launch Community Fund Round 2, implement the recommended process improvements and if required transfer additional funding from reserves into the Commissioned Services budget if there is more demand than the money available in the Community Fund.. This will maximise support for community-led crime prevention and community safety initiatives across Cumbria.

Recommendation:

The Commissioner has already approved the establishment of the Community Fund/Open Grants approach and the governance arrangements in February 2026

The Commissioner is therefore asked to approve the following:

- Note the outcome of Round 1;
- Approve changes to the guidance and process;
- Approve the launch of Round 2 for the 8th of September 2026.
- approve the transfer of additional funding from the OPFCC's reserves to increase the funding available in the Commissioned Services, Partnerships budget.

Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner

I confirm that I have considered whether I have any personal or prejudicial in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for Cumbria Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner. Any such interests are recorded below.

I hereby:

approve

do not approve

the recommendations as set out above.

Delete as appropriate:

Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner

Signature:



Date: 18th September 2026

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Date of publication of decision:

23rd September 2026

Each section below must be completed prior to submission to the Commissioner for decision.

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:

I confirm that this report has been considered by the ~~Chief Officer Group~~ / OPFCC Executive Team / ~~CCFRA Executive Team~~ and that relevant financial, legal and equalities advice has been considered in the preparation of this report.

Signed: C J Laverack

Date: 27th August 2026

CHIEF OFFICER APPROVAL (where applicable)

~~Chief Constable~~ / ~~Chief Fire Officer~~ (delete as appropriate)

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.

Signature: N/A

Date:

OPFCC CHIEF OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive (Monitoring Officer) / Chief Finance Officer (Deputy Chief Executive) (delete as appropriate)

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been considered in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner / Chief Executive (delete as appropriate).

Signature: G Shearer

Date 18/09/2026

Media Strategy

The decision taken by the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner may require a press announcement or media strategy.

Will a press release be required following the decision being considered?

Yes

If yes, has a media strategy been formulated?

Yes

Is the media strategy attached?

No

What is the proposed date of the press release:

Following the authorised Decision ahead of 9th September 2026

Public Access to Information

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and other legislation. Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PFCC website within 5 working days of approval. Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made automatically available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead in the Part 2 section of the form. Deferment is only applicable where release before that date would not compromise the implementation of the decision being approved.

Is the publication of this form to be deferred?	No
Until what date (if known):	
If yes, for what reason:	
If this is a Part 2 Decision , has the Part 2 element of this form been completed	Yes