



COMMUNITY JUSTICE SECURITY

## DECISION RECORD

### Decision Record Number 57

This document records a decision taken by the Police and Crime Commissioner, together with details of the advice he received prior to taking the decision.

### Decision taken

The Police and Crime Commissioner has taken the decisions to:

**Allocate £15,000 to the Northamptonshire Business Crime Partnership, Retail Crime Initiative, to support Retail Crime Initiative.**

### Details of advice taken

Advice taken consisted of a presentation from the Board of Directors of NBCI (Mike Brennan) and operational lead (Alison Farr). Additionally advice sought from Paul Fell, Director of Delivery as well as informed by two recent national reports relating to business crime. The first of these reports related to the rise in retail crime, mainly shoplifting and the current economic position of the retail sector and the second related to the increasing level of assaults on staff employed across the retail sector.

**Martin Scoble**  
**OPCC Chief Executive**  
**25<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**END**



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## Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commission

### Supporting Report to the Police and Crime Commissioner

<b>Date of Report</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Northamptonshire Business Crime Partnership (Retail Crime Initiative)</b>
<b>Report Author</b>	Paul Fell

#### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The Northamptonshire Business Crime Partnership is a not for profit organisation working in partnership with a number of businesses and organisations, including Northamptonshire Police.
- 1.2 It's aims are to reduce retail crime and anti-social behaviour in all shopping areas across the County.
- 1.3 The partnership runs a retail crime initiative, which started in Northampton in 2001 but has grown to include many areas of Northamptonshire.
- 1.4 RCI allows an on line reporting and information sharing platform for all retailers that are a part of the scheme. This allows effective and timely crime recording for them and reduces associated workloads and demand for Northamptonshire Police.
- 1.5 RCI has a business plan to become self-sustaining in terms of funding over the next 24 to 30 months.

#### 2. Decision(s) Recommended:

- 2.1 To provide the sum of £15,000 to Northamptonshire Business Crime Partnership to support the ongoing development of Retail Crime Initiative over the next 18 months.

#### 3. Relevant background / Chronology of Key Events:

- 3.1 A focus of the Police and Crime Plan and overarching aim of the PCC is to ensure a safer Northamptonshire. This supports this aspiration by supporting a more effective response to this type of retail crime, through effective reporting, supporting investigations and assisting in information and intelligence sharing.

3.2 This funding will allow the RCI to continue in its current form, as well as allowing it to broaden its reach into Daventry and South Northamptonshire and parts of East Northamptonshire.

#### **4. Consultation:**

4.1

#### **5. Compliance Issues:**

##### **5.1 Is this a decision of 'significant public interest?'**

5.1.1 Yes

##### **5.2 Is the recommended decision consistent with the priorities set out in the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Plan 2014/17?**

5.2.1 Yes

##### **5.3 What are the financial and procurement implications of this decision?**

5.3.1 There are no procurement implications in relation to this decision.

5.3.2 Financially this is a one off decision in relation to funding this initiative, with no commitment to additional funding in the future.

5.3.3 This funding is to be taken from the PCC innovation fund for 2018/2019. This is the first allocation from this fund.

##### **5.4 Will further decisions be required?**

5.4.1 No

##### **5.5 Legal Implications**

5.5.1 There are no known legal implications in relation to this decision.

##### **5.6 Risk Management**

5.6.1 The only risk that was to be considered was any public perception or integrity issues that might arise from this decision. There are not considered to be any such risks as a result. The initiative is managed by an independent partnership, is not for profit and seeks to support the aspirations of Police and Crime Plan and make a safer environment for workers and consumers in the retail sector.

##### **5.7 Has an Equality Impact Assessment been undertaken?**

5.7.1 No

**6. Evaluation of alternative option(s):**

6.1 None, there are no other providers of this service.

**7. List of background reports used to compile this report:**

None

**8. List of appendices accompanying this report (if any):**

None.

**9. Approvals**

**Date**

Has this report been approved by the author's line manager?

N/A

Has this report been approved by the Chief Executive?