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# Memorandum of Understanding

Between North Yorkshire Police and City of York Council

Concerning the 2.5 additional Police Community Support Officers Funded by City of York Council.

## 1. Background

Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) are police authority employed support staff that can perform a high visibility patrolling role providing reassurance to the communities they serve.

In 2004 North Yorkshire Police and City of York Council made a bid for funds from the Home Office to support the introduction of 5 additional PCSO's over a three year period. The Home office agreed to fund 50% of the costs if CYC would cover the rest. Five additional PCSO's have been employed since November 2004, thanks to a successful bid for additional Home Office funding. City of York Council has offered to contribute 50% of the project costs over the next three years to support the initiative.

## 2. PCSO's – Key aims and objectives

PCSO's provide an on-street approachable uniformed presence; working with partners and community organisations to address anti-social behaviour, the fear of crime and issues affecting the quality of peoples' lives. For example: reporting vandalism; reporting suspicious activity; providing crime prevention advice; deterring nuisance from young people.

PCSO's free up police officer time by carrying out some of the functions that require a police presence, but do not necessarily require the full skills. They are designated with limited enforcement powers to enable them to tackle such issues effectively.

## 3. PCSO - Powers

PCSO's only have those powers that are specifically granted to them by the Chief Constable. Powers can only be exercised in the force area and when the PCSO is on duty in uniform. They will also have the power to direct and control traffic in the same way as Traffic Wardens

Additional powers include:

- Power to request a name and address for Fixed Penalty offences and offences that cause injury, alarm or distress to another person or damage or loss of another's property.
- Power of Entry to save life or limb, or to prevent serious damage to property.
- Power to request the name and address of a person acting in an anti-social manner.
- Power to request a person to stop drinking in a designated public area and to surrender open containers of alcohol.
- Power to confiscate cigarettes and tobacco products from young people.
- Power to require the removal of abandoned vehicles.
- Power to stop vehicles for the purpose of a road check. No power to authorise a road check. The police must do this.

- Power to maintain and enforce a cordoned area established under the Terrorism Act.
- Power to stop and search vehicles and goods carried by driver/passengers or pedestrians under the Terrorism Act.
- Power to regulate traffic for the purpose of escorting abnormal loads.
- Power to stop a vehicle for emissions testing.

#### 4. PCSO Hours of operation and deployment

NYP will liaise closely with funding wards to ensure they receive value for money in respect of their financial contribution. They will reach agreement on the hours of operation of additional patrols, tasking and deployment.

NYP agree to work closely with the funding wards to ensure they receive additional patrolling hours over and above what they could expect to receive ordinarily. It is anticipated that the additional patrols will add significantly to the patrolling presence in each area. At a minimum it is expected that the PCSO's would deliver 17.5 additional hours per week to each ward.

NYP also undertake to work closely with the funding wards to ensure that additional patrols are delivered at the times required by ward committees and local residents.

NYP undertake to work closely with funding wards and residents to ensure that additional patrols are focussed in high priority areas within the ward. NYP will liaise regularly (minimum fortnightly) with the relevant CYC Neighbourhood Pride Officer to ensure appropriate tasking and deployment.

NYP will set up systems designed to monitor these additional hours so that regular progress reports can be sent to the ward committees.

#### 5. Additional benefits

##### Monitoring and reporting

NYP undertake to provide a quarterly monitoring report timed to coincide with the quarterly ward committee meeting detailing tasking over the period and hours spent on patrol. The nominated local PCSO will, whenever possible, attend the Ward Committee meeting.

##### Liaison arrangements and joint working

NYP undertake to provide regular (monthly) feedback to virtual team meetings, where these exist. Where possible NYP will provide the names of PCSO officers and will endeavour to provide information for inclusion in Ward Committee newsletters if requested.

#### 6. Funding

City of York Council's funding commitment in respect of the 2.5 additional PCSO's would be as follows:

<b>2004/05</b>	<b>2005/06</b>	<b>2007/08</b>
£33,333	£66,625	£68,625

Contributions to this funding commitment will be sought from City of York Council ward committees, who would buy additional PCSO patrolling hours in their ward area by using their devolved ward budgets. The buying of additional PCSO patrols would be subject to satisfactory agreement concerning hours of operation and deployment in each funding ward.

Payment to NYP would be made quarterly in arrears on submission of invoices and receipt of satisfactory monitoring reports commencing 01/04/2005.

## **7. Period of the agreement**

This agreement is for a period of one year commencing 01/04/05 and ending 31/03/06. There will be an option for both parties to renew the Memorandum at the start of the next financial year subject to positive evaluation and review of the service.

## **8. Review / Evaluation**

The project will be evaluated towards the end of the 2005/6 financial year. Safer York Partnership will help coordinate this evaluation on behalf of City of York Council and North Yorkshire Police (using existing consultation mechanisms and budgets as far as possible).

The evaluation would be based on the following key outcomes:

- Reduction in the fear of crime locally
- Resident satisfaction with the service
- Visibility / recognition of the service locally
- Attendance at ward meetings and events
- Reduction in anti social behaviour and nuisance behaviour locally

## **9. Cancellation of the agreement**

Either City of York Council or North Yorkshire Police can terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by either party giving 3 months notice in writing.

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