

**POLICE AND CRIME  
COMMISSIONER FOR  
THE WEST MIDLANDS**

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**NOTICE OF DECISION**

**[008/2021]**

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**Title: Allocation of Resources to Crime Reduction Activities**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This decision is to obtain authorisation for the allocation of resources to programmes set out in this paper. These will be funded from £3.3m of cash seized through operation Venetic using the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) and the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE).

Operation Venetic is a National Crime Agency (NCA) led and directed operation working with international law enforcement agencies targeting Encrochat devices.

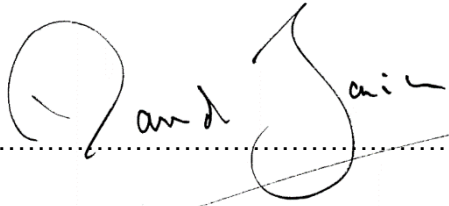
Arrangements are place to ensure the programmes detailed in this paper will be delivered in line the original purpose. In the event plans are required to be changed I delegate the day to day delivery of the projects to the Chief Executive of the OPCC.

**DECISION**

To authorise the money seized through operation Venetic to be used to fund the programmes detailed in this decision paper.

**Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands**

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Police and Crime Commissioner of the West Midlands. Any interests are indicated below.

Signature.....

Date: 02.03.2021

## **FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

### **PROPOSED PROJECTS**

It is recommended the following programmes and allocations are supported from the money seized through operation Venetic.

- Regional Organised Crime Capabilities £1,533,000
- Commonwealth Games Legacy £200,000
- Intervention and Prevention Programmes £1,588,000

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The total money seized through operation Venetic is subject to a Home Office top slice and the amount returning to the West Midlands is forecast to be £3.3m. To date £2m has been received from the Home Office. If the remaining balance of £1.3m is not received then the proposed spending plans for the programmes detailed in the previous paragraph will be required to reduce. This is to reflect the actual amounts received from the Home Office or alternative funding sources will need to be found.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The money seized through operation Venetic was completed through the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) and the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE).