

# POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE BOARD

Report of	TEMPORARY CHIEF CONSTABLE
Subject	MINI POLICE PILOT – JULY 2022
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### 1. Purpose of Report

- This report provides an update on the initial paper submitted to the Chief Officer Team in November 2021 by PS Marina Waka. This report seeks to recommend an initial proposal to get a pilot of Leicestershire's Mini Police set up and running within 3 primary schools during the 2022/2023 academic year.

### 2. Summary

- The initial proposal set out the detail of what the programme will include and the extensive research conducted by PS Waka (Attached as Appendix A). This proposal will look at the programme lead recommendation of who will be best placed to carry this forward along with detail of initial schools which we have/could approach along with realistic timescales of launching the project.
- The proposal within this paper is to introduce a 'Mini Police' scheme for primary school children in Year 5 who will in turn share their learning with peers and parents.
- The scheme will introduce policing as a positive influence and allow early intervention with children and their responsible adults. This will enable the building of trust in policing and facilitate engagement with partners to begin to instil age-appropriate safety awareness. 'Mini Police' is a set programme of lesson plans and mini projects which are provided by us to the schools. These are then delivered by the school within their normal school hours as part of their weekly lessons.
- Local PCSOs and the project coordinator will support the school with elements of the delivery. It is not anticipated that our staff will deliver any part of this programme on their own and must be driven by the school. Therefore, all safeguarding and management of the children will be the responsibility of the school, in line with their policies and procedures.

- It is anticipated that any member of Leicestershire police staff who will be involved in this project and likely to be supporting the schools will require a DBS check. The ViP team can carry this demand internally.

### **3. Programme Staff Lead Options**

- Although there have been a number of options considered, it is recommended that the best option to enable us to launch the project as soon as possible, is for PS Marina Waka to take on the lead project coordinator role. It is anticipated that she will soon be moving roles, to take up a role at FHQ which should allow her the flexibility to lead on the pilot phase of the project alongside her new role. PS Waka has a passion and a drive for this project, and is still very keen to be involved and lead on this.
- She has extensive knowledge and would require little to no additional updates to bring her up to speed on the pilot in its current state.
- Consideration has to be made that as per other forces feedback, once the initial pilot is complete and the programme grows it is anticipated that this role will need to develop into a full-time role.
- Consideration for an honorarium payment or an agreed overtime should this be required to support her with undertaking this additional work.

### **4. Pilot locations**

- We have liaised with Insp Streets in the PCC's office and obtained confirmation that the PCC is keen to support this project. We were requested to consider the areas/schools that would be interested. The proposal is to look at those schools which are either in the people zones or catchment area of the people zones.
- The initial proposal set out by PS Waka would be to look at running a pilot within 3 schools with 20 pupils from each school. I would suggest 1 primary school from within each people zone area and with a maximum of 30 children per school, this will then accommodate the whole of the proposed year 5 class. (Average class size is 27 in UK primary schools).
- The three people zone areas within Leicestershire are as follows: -

#### **I. The Bell Foundry: Loughborough (Charnwood)**

This people zone has 1 primary school within the people zone boundary.

- Cobden Street Primary School, Cobden Street, Loughborough, LE11 1AF  
Headteacher: Mr Carl Saunders: CSaunders@cobden.leics.sch.uk
  - Contact has been made with Mr Saunders and he is keen to be involved in the project and is interested in meeting to discuss the detail over the coming weeks.
- II. **New Parks: West Leicester:** There are 3 primary schools located within the boundary of the people zone. In liaison with the NPA, a recommendation was made to approach Stokes Wood.
- Stokes Wood Primary School, Blackett Ave, Leicester, LE3 9BX  
Head Teacher Mrs J Gadsby: [office@stokeswood.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:office@stokeswood.leicester.sch.uk)
- III. **Thringstone and Whitwick:** North West Leicester: There are 2 primary schools located within the boundary of the people zone. We are currently liaising with the NPA to approach one of these schools.
- Thringstone Primary School, Hensons Lane, Thringstone, LE67 8LJ  
Headteacher; Mrs Ella Roberts: [office@tringstone.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@tringstone.leics.sch.uk)
  - Whitwick St Johns The Baptist CVE Primary school, Parsonwood Hill, Whitwick, LE67 5AT  
Headteacher: Mrs Noon: [Whitwick@whitwick.leics.sch.uk](mailto:Whitwick@whitwick.leics.sch.uk)

## 5. Costings

- Based on PS Waka's figures I would estimate the below costings per school. I have quoted up to 30 children per school. This would be based on running the 'annual, longer term Mini Police Programme' as detailed in PS Wakas proposal, which I feel would have the most benefit to the school and the children, from the feedback from other forces this appeared to have the best engagement with both the children, school and parents/families of the pupils.

Item	Approximate Total Cost
Advertising Programme Posters / Social media attraction etc.	£500
Initial Trial – 3 schools (30 children per school) 90 x Mini Police Uniform's consisting of cap, soft Shell jacket, high visibility vest and police lanyard (similar uniform to what is provided to cadets)	£2,250 (£25 per uniform)
Mini Police Activity Bag and Stationary	£450 (£5 per bag)
Mini Police Mascot (Would need to clarify what PS Waka was looking at re this)	£520

Pass-out Ceremony / Awards / Refreshments (Yearly)	£500
Mini Bus (Trips / Rewards)	£1,000
<b><u>Total Cost (excluding full time role)</u></b>	<b>£5,220</b>

## 6. Time Line:

- We have to consider that due to the imminent start of the school holidays, it is unlikely that we will be able to start this pilot in September 2022.
- A period of preparation over the summer holidays can be conducted to bring together the multi-agency offer as detailed in the programme's timetable, with a view of approaching schools once they return with a detailed offer. The intention will be to enrol the schools onto the project towards the end of the autumn term.
- Once the initial pilot has been created and positioned, regular reviews will need to be built in to the plan. This will need to include a detailed review around Easter 2023, to consider the initial success of the project and present options on expanding this across more schools for the academic year 2023/2024. Completing this at Easter will provide us with time to:
  - I. Write and submit a business case to the PCC for funding to expand the project.
  - II. Work with other schools which we would like to expand into.
  - III. Establish what resourcing this project will require long term, IE Full time coordinator.

## 7. Recommendations

- Appoint PS Marina Waka as the pilot lead to enable her to continue/start making progress with the schools and working on the Programme delivery offer.
- Gain the support from the relevant NPAs working with the beat teams to engage with the schools to generate interest prior to the summer break (Already underway).
- Seek to set up with one initial primary school within the spring term. We would recommend Cobden Street Primary school in Loughborough who are keen to be part of the project. This is a diverse school located within the middle of the people zone so would present a fantastic opportunity. This school is actively seeking ways to better engage both pupils and their families into the local community so it would lend itself well to this initiative.
- Once this is in place, to consider expansion into the other two primary schools within the other people zones towards the end of the spring/summer term.

- Work to deliver the annual, longer term programme as set out in PS Waka's initial proposal, based on the feedback from other schools and forces.
- Seek approval from the PCC for funding for the initial pilot.

### **Implications**

Financial: As above

Legal: None

Equality Impact Assessment: None

Risks and Impact: None

Link to Police and Crime Plan: Yes

### **List of Appendices**

N/A

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