

21st November 2019

Dear colleague

I am writing on behalf of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to let you know about a potential opportunity for your town to benefit from some support in the area of preventing business crime.

The Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Plan 'Safe, resilient and connected communities' sets out a vision to better connect communities and policing and ensuring that policing is Accessible, Responsive, Informative and Supportive. As you may be aware the PCC is already providing support to towns across Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly in a number of ways. This includes direct investment in CCTV in local towns through the PCC's CCTV Infrastructure Fund as well supporting CSPs and others to deliver local initiatives and projects in your community, such as the Safer Towns Projects.

The role businesses can play in keeping our communities vibrant and safe is an important part of building strong communities. Earlier this year, the Police and Crime Commissioner outlined the supportive steps the OPCC will take to support businesses prevent and reduce crime.

https://devonandcornwall.s3.amazonaws.com/Documents/Our%20information/Key%20document/PCC_Business_Crime_V2.pdf

One of the commitments made in the Commissioner's approach is to support local towns and business communities to take action to help prevent crimes against local businesses and to enhance existing crime prevention networks. The PCC has already provided support to a number of local towns and communities to help them to enhance their local arrangements and the PCC would like to build upon this.

The OPCC has been working with Devon and Cornwall Police and the South West Business Crime Centre <https://swbcc.co.uk> to build a clearer picture of the range of business crime prevention interventions available to local areas. The OPCC is seeking to support local areas to identify, assess and implement options that work

for them. These range from an accredited Business Crime Reduction Partnership through to other less formal schemes or training opportunities.

To support towns across Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, we would like to offer you the opportunity to have a business crime prevention assessment for your town. The assessment will consider local circumstances and identify a set of options that you may wish to take forward. The business crime prevention assessment would be conducted by Andrew Sharman from the South West Business Crime Centre in association with Devon and Cornwall Police's Business Crime Lead and at no cost to the council.

The assessment would consist of a site visit to meet with a representative of the Town Council, preferably in conjunction with representatives from your local area i.e. business community, police and local authority where appropriate. The findings from this visit and discussions would be collated into a report presented to the Town Council for their consideration and any decision on how they might wish to proceed.

If you, as the Town Council, decide that you would wish to proceed with any identified crime prevention options you may be able to benefit from some contributory seed funding from the OPCC to support implementation.

If you would like to accept this offer for a business crime prevention assessment please could you contact Richard Martin at the OPCC at Richard.Martin@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk It would be helpful, for planning purposes, if you could respond to us as soon as possible and preferably by 5th December 2019.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Richard at the above email address or on 07525 918516.

Yours sincerely



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