



Safer Liskeard Evening and Night-time Economy

OPCC Funding Proposal

Funding Opportunity

Up to £10,000 PCC funding will be available for agreed hotspot locations, one of which has been identified as **Liskeard**. Funding will be available for specific interventions and will be focused primarily on busy evening and night-time economies (ENTE). The potential interventions will include additional CCTV monitoring hours, ENTE and taxi marshals and support for schemes helping to reduce drunken vulnerability in those areas. A **match funding requirement of £10,000 will be required** for hotspots. This requirement can be met through local funds or potentially government funding, but it will not be possible to use existing OPCC funding streams as match funding. OPCC will require submission of a spending plan for these funds by the **deadline of 10th May** and funding will need to be spent by 30th September 2021. There is no require start date, but it is anticipated interventions will be in place for the peak Summer season.

Safer Liskeard Proposal

Safer Liskeard partners have met and discussed this opportunity; collectively it is proposed that we seek match funding for ENTE marshals to operate during the Summer in Liskeard. We suggest 2 SIA approved street marshals are contracted to operate jointly 7 days a week at the following times;

- **Friday and Saturday; 20.00pm – 03.00am (to ensure safe egress from The Social, Best Kebab Pizza and Burger and the small taxi rank)**
- **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; 20.00pm – 00.00pm**

From Thursday 20th May to Thursday 30th September 2021. This 19-week period will complement the Government's lifting of restrictions roadmap scheduled for 17th May.

The estimated cost for this is c.£19,000.

It is suggested the marshals be employed by a local security firm in order to provide continuity of staff, local knowledge, local networks and influence in the community.

The marshals will offer support to the local policing team and partners, providing resilience and a consistent, highly visible, uniformed presence in the busy ENTE locations across Liskeard. The patrol route will be flexible to respond to need during the busy periods.

The marshals will engage with the public to prevent and de-escalate ENTE related ASB and violence and diffuse confrontation; the role is not enforcement focused. They will work with licenced premises staff to ensure the safeguarding of patrons, reduce drunken vulnerability and provide assistance to persons in need. The marshals will also pick up and dispose of any broken glass/alcohol litter and report any drug litter found.

The marshals will ensure clear, consistent and regular communications with residents and visitors at the local level to explain the role of the marshals, including how, when and where they will operate.

A single point of contact will be established within the police to ensure that marshals are well connected and at the start of each shift the duty Sgt will make contact as part of their briefing to a) check on any issues and b) give their contact details.

The marshals will have direct contact with the CCTV operators at Tolvaddon. Furthermore, the licenced premises and late-night food outlets will have a direct line of contact with the marshals, enabling quick responses to incidents.

Governance

Working closely with the local police neighbourhood team, licencing officers, Town Council, Safer Liskeard, Safer Cornwall Community Safety Team and Cornwall Council, it is proposed the marshals provide weekly summary reports to enable analysis of data and identification of escalating issues/trends in relation to ENTE and a partnership response.

It is recommended Liskeard Town Council contract the security firm and manage the contract internally. As part of this process, the Town Council should ensure the marshals have background knowledge of the ENTE scene in Liskeard and the issues faced in the town, that they are well trained (including safeguarding training) and have sufficient experience in an ENTE environment, de-escalating ASB and in engaging with the public

There will need to a certain amount of flexibility with regard to marshals' patrol hours to provide that there is coverage during periods of high demand.

Rationale

There are a number of factors that are linked to the night time economy that are highly likely to impact Liskeard this Summer, namely;

- Liskeard has not experienced the ENTE scene for some time now, with the opening of 'The Social' this will change the ENTE dynamics in the town

- Police resources will be stretched this Summer with a high number of officers being redeployed to G7; some Liskeard officers have already been moved onto G7 now. It is also highly likely Cornwall will experience a higher number of visitors this Summer due to travel abroad being restricted.
- Marshals will complement the CCTV system as the marshals can ring the fire control room to highlight an incident when it is occurring to ensure cameras are facing the correct way to capture footage, the CCTV controllers can also get on the airwave radios to local police teams on the marshals behalf if need be. Additionally, this will work vice versa, and the CCTV operators can notify the marshals of any incidents they witness on the cameras and direct them to the location.
- The marshals patrol route could include Castle Park, Rapsons MUGA etc – key hotspots that have been raised before where a uniformed presence could make a difference and prevent large groups gathering, ASB, littering
- The marshals could also pick up broken glass and alcohol litter to reduce the risk of someone hurting themselves
- The marshals can be there to provide information and advice to the public e.g. location of toilets etc and make safeguarding referrals if necessary
- The presence of the marshals will disperse some ASB/large groups gathering.
- The street marshals will help to create a positive environment for users of the ENTE and other residents. They will provide wellbeing support and promote positive community relations when residents and visitors are on a night out
- Marshals can be very beneficial in a town such as Liskeard, which has limited transport to facilitate the egress of intoxicated persons after midnight, and where late-night venues are located in close proximity to residential dwellings and other businesses.

Recommendations

1. Liskeard Town Council consider the content of this report
2. Liskeard Town Council consider providing the required £10,000 match funding for the initiative
3. If agreed, Safer Liskeard to draft the OPCC bid for the funding
4. If the bid is successful, Liskeard Town Council to contract the security firm
5. If the bid is successful, Safer Liskeard to draft a fully consulted code of practice for the ENTE marshals and support the scheme throughout the Summer

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