



**Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland**  
**C/o St Marks House**  
**St Marks Court**  
**Thornaby**  
**Stockton on Tees**  
**TS17 6QW**

Email: [pcc.office@cleveland.police.uk](mailto:pcc.office@cleveland.police.uk)  
Website: [www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk](http://www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk)

Police and Crime Commissioner:  
Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer:

Matt Storey  
Lisa Oldroyd

Tel: 01642 301861  
Tel: 01642 301861

---

26<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Whom it may concern,

**Making Middlesbrough Town Centre Safer for People & Business – Match Funding Support**

I am writing on behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to confirm our support to the **Making Middlesbrough Town Centre Safer for People & Business Project** led by Middlesbrough Council, and to formally commit match funding towards its delivery.

The PCC recognises the significant value of this project in seeking to create a safer, more welcoming town centre through a coordinated, holistic and sustainable multi-agency approach that prioritises protection, strengthens prevention and enhances provision of effective support.

The proposed activities align strongly with the Commissioners strategic priorities, particularly in relation to his 2024-2029 Police and Crime Plan and the associated vision of creating *Safe, Strong & Confident Communities*.

**Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee**

The Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee (NPG) is a government programme designed to restore public confidence and enhance visible policing in communities across England and Wales, as part of the Safer Streets Mission.

An element of the NPG relates to **Safer Town Centres** with neighbourhood teams required to crack down on shop theft, street theft and assaults against retail workers.

In Middlesbrough this has resulted in six dedicated Police Officers located within the Middlesbrough Town Centre area with the purpose of:

- Increasing visible patrols
- Cracking down on shop theft, street theft, and assaults against retail workers
- Reducing anti-social behaviour
- Listening to the community including local businesses

While these Police Officer posts are assigned to Middlesbrough Town Centre under the NPG, there may be instances, driven by operational requirements and at the direction of the Chief Constable, when they are required to operate in other areas to support wider policing demands.

### **Match Funding**

To support the successful implementation of this project, we are pleased to confirm that we will provide match funding of up to **£937,806.64**. This contribution will consist of:

- In-kind support relating to four Police Officers allocated to Middlesbrough Town Centre (subject to the operational policing caveats described above).

This support will be available for the duration of the project, from **1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029**, and will be kept under review through the project's established governance arrangements.

We are proud to support this initiative and believe it will deliver tangible benefits for the Middlesbrough Town Centre area.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Oldroyd', written in a cursive style.

Lisa Oldroyd  
Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer