



Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

Decision Notice

To	Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner
From	Amy Loaring, Partnership Development Officer
Reference	029/2022
Subject	Tool Marking Pilot Project 2022
Date	22nd June 2022
Recommendation	<p>To allocate a total of £3,000 of the Safe in Sussex Community Fund 2022/23 to the Business Crime Unit for a new tool Marking Pilot Project. National Business Crime Centre (NBCC) want to run a nation-wide pilot scheme on a more formalized tool marking scheme. They are working with Williams – the trade plumbing company to run a number of tool-marking days where they will hand out and train sole traders how to use security marking kits.</p> <p>They want to run these days at eight different sites, two of which are in Sussex (Worthing & Crawley). Chris Neilson from the Business crime unit is ensuring that there is also a Police presence at these events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Crawley event is timetable for the 6th September 2022• Worthing event – 22nd September
Is the decision of significant public interest	Yes – This initiative can help to educate small business and sole traders how to keep their equipment safe.
Summary of reasons for decision	According To Direct Line for Business more than £83 million worth of tools have been stolen across England and Wales in the last three years, this equates to £83,500 of equipment going missing every day. More than a quarter (28%) are stolen from vehicles. Only a tiny amount, 3% of the tools, are ever reunited with owners, which means that tradesman have lost more

	than £80 million worth of tools in the last three years.
Consultation undertaken	Discussed with Business crime unit and agreed by SMT on the 15 th August 2022.
Approved by legal adviser (if appropriate)	N/A
Approved by finance (if appropriate)	N/A
Background papers	
Communication and media	Yes, the information will be published through the usual media channels i.e., OSPCC website. Will also be published on the NBCC website.
Financial implications	This can be accommodated from the Safer in Sussex Community Fund. Leaving a balance of £84,637
Identified risks	Project will be undergo financial checks to mitigate any risks.
Equality Assessment	None arising



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