

BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Full Council

Date of Meeting - Thursday 26 March 2026

Project Shield

Recommendation

To consider whether to make any proposal for additional funding for 2026/27; noting that no provision currently exists within the 2026/27 budget.

Ward

All

Risk Management

No budget provision is available. This is not a statutory responsibility of the town council.

Crime Prevention

Duty to exercise functions with regard to crime prevention under Crime and Disorder Act 1998, section 17.

Objective

To promote the environmental, social and economic wellbeing of the town and its community by being part of a project to reduce serious violence and anti-social behaviour.

Report

A report has been received detailing Project Shield activity and outcomes specific to Blyth since April 2025. This has been attached as Appendix 1. The Community Safety Team at NCC have also circulated a briefing note, Appendix 2, regarding proposals for funding Project Shield in the future as Home Office funding has been withdrawn and NCC has no budget provision for this. It should be noted that the Town Council has no budget provision for this.

Blyth Town Council is requested to consider whether they would be willing to fund officers for 2026/27.

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Deputy Town Clerk

19 March 2026