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Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee

Minute of Decision

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Accessing the Proceeds of Crime Fund for the Auckland City Centre

Portfolio **Auckland**

On 19 February 2025, the Cabinet Social Outcomes Committee:

- 1 **noted** the economic and social impact of crime and safety concerns in Auckland’s city centre;
- 2 **noted** that crime statistics identify the city centre as a hot spot for reported crime and that, given the significance of the Auckland city centre to the regional and national economy, criminal and anti-social activity in the central city area has a disproportionate economic impact compared to other areas of Auckland;
- 3 **noted** that initiatives to address crime and safety in the Auckland city centre may displace criminal and antisocial activity to the immediately adjacent areas;
- 4 **noted** that a City Centre Focus Group initiated by the Minister of Police and led by the Ministry of Social Development is implementing a suite of initiatives to address the social impacts of crime and safety concerns in the Auckland city centre;
- 5 **agreed** to provide funding of \$1.352 million to address crime and negative perceptions of safety in the Auckland city centre, with the funds for the initiative to be provided from the Proceeds of Crime Fund;
- 6 **agreed** to establish the following appropriation:

Vote:	Police
Appropriation Minister:	Minister of Police
Appropriation Administrator:	Police
Title:	Third Party Crime Prevention Activities
Type:	Non-Departmental Output Expense
Scope:	This appropriation is limited to addressing crime and negative perceptions of safety through services provided by third parties.

7 **approved** the following changes to appropriations to give effect to the decisions above, with a corresponding impact on the operating balance and net core Crown Debt:

Vote Police Minister of Police	\$m – increase/(decrease)				
	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29 & Outyears
Non-Departmental Output Expense: Third Party Crime Prevention Activities (funded by revenue Crown)	0.450	0.451	0.451	-	-

- 8 **agreed** that the changes to appropriations for 2024/25 above be included in the 2024/25 Supplementary Estimates and that, in the interim, the increase be met from Imprest Supply;
- 9 **agreed** that while there is a corresponding impact on operating balance and net debt, the above appropriation change is funded by the Proceeds of Crime Fund and is therefore fiscally neutral and not charged against any Budget allowances;
- 10 **agreed** that Police will be the central government partner agency, fulfilling duties as required under the Proceeds of Crime Fund, and taking an active partnership role in the delivery of existing and new initiatives;
- 11 **agreed** that Auckland Council will be responsible for disbursing the funds annually for three years to the Business Improvement Districts and the Local Board in the Waitemātā Local Board Area;
- 12 **agreed** that the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment and Auckland Council be requested to provide an annual monitoring and evaluation report to the Minister for Auckland and the Associate Minister of Justice (Hon Nicole McKee), demonstrating that funds have been spent on initiatives consistent with the objectives of the Proceeds of Crime Fund.

Sam Moffett
Committee Secretary

Present:

Hon David Seymour
Hon Nicola Willis
Hon Chris Bishop
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston (Chair)
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Matt Doocoy
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Andrew Bayly
Hon Karen Chhour
Hon Nicola Grigg

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Office of the Chair
Office of Hon David Seymour
Office of Hon Erica Stanford
Office of Hon Nicole McKee
Office of Hon Karen Chhour
Officials Committee for SOU