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SAFER CITY PARTNERSHIP – POCA FUNDING BID 2021-2022

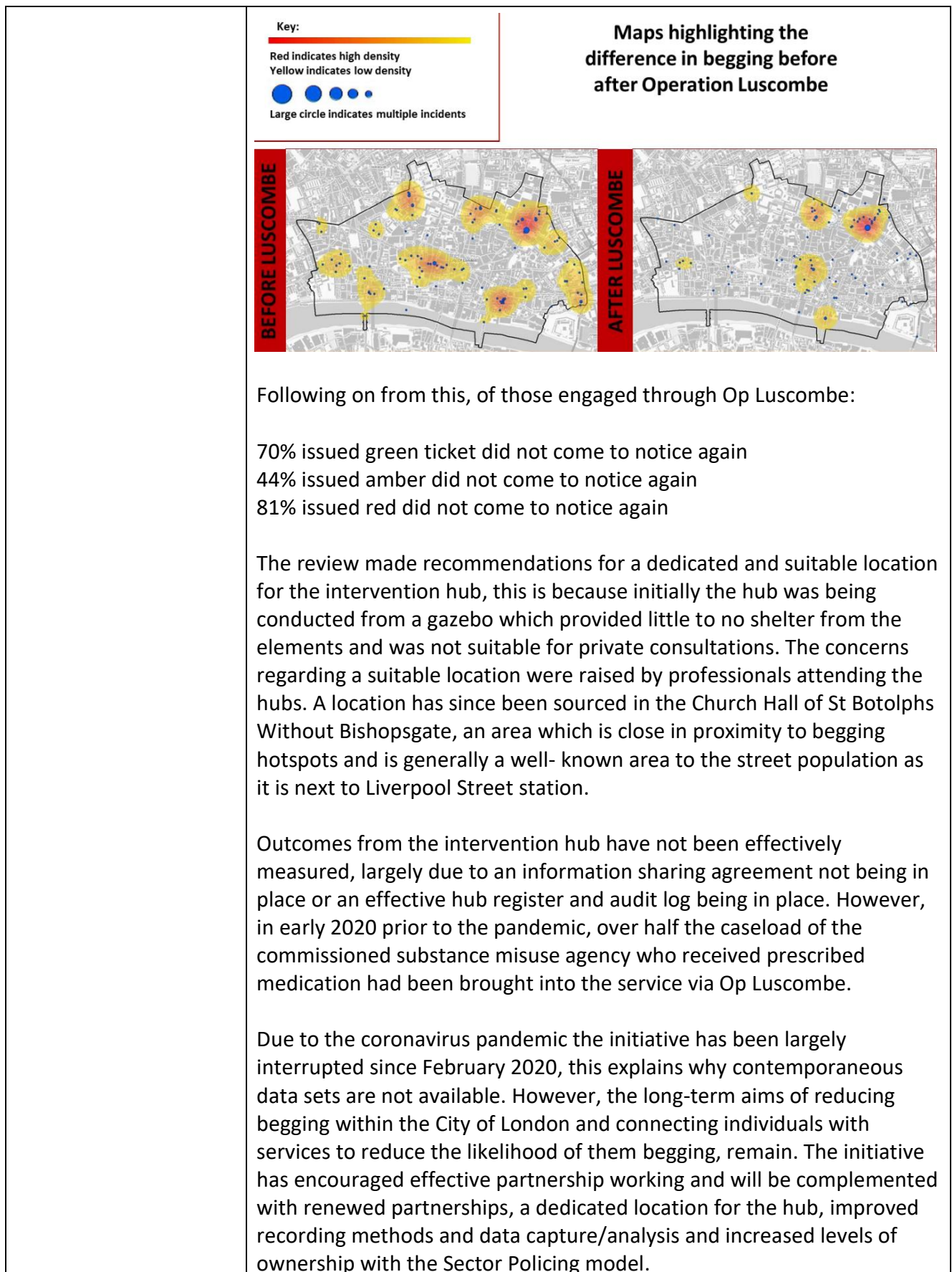
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Name and purpose of activity	<p>Long-term initiative targeting begging activity within the City of London.</p> <p>Begging and associated anti-social behaviour (ASB) is likely to increase into 2021 as footfall increases in the City with the easing of coronavirus restrictions and the return of many commuters and visitors to the City.</p> <p>The purpose of the activity is to embed the initiative into each respective organisation and to future proof the operation by securing the necessary funds to keep it running for a three-year period.</p> <p>The absence and withdrawal of support of such an operation will limit options available to officers and leave a noticeable void which will undoubtedly be exploited by individuals begging. This will see an increase in associated ASB.</p>
Amount of funding sought. (please attach detailed breakdown where appropriate).	<p>Total: £6,400</p> <p>Intervention hub event hire for 3 years at £1,500 per annum - £4,500 across a 3-year period.</p> <p>Op Luscombe ticket printing - £780 across a 3-year period.</p> <p>Banner flags for intervention hub x 2 - £400</p>



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	Intervention catering – Tesco cards preloaded with £10 for each intervention hub to provide snacks, tea and coffee for attendees - £720 across a 3-year period.
Outline the objectives of this activity and how they contribute to the SCP outcomes for 2019-22.	<p>Operation Luscombe is an initiative designed to combat begging by targeting beggars with a traffic-light system of tickets, utilising powers under the Antisocial Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act. Recipients of tickets are initially invited to attend a bi-weekly intervention hub attended by support agencies, those found persistently begging are required to attend the intervention hubs. The intervention aspect is crucial to the initiative and aims to effectively connect individuals to appropriate and readily available services that may be able to assist with any factors that are causing that individual to beg.</p> <p>Since the implementation of Op Luscombe in the City of London in 2018 the initiative has been recognised by the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) lead for ASB and the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) as the most appropriate initiative addressing begging, it has since been adopted by 23 other forces across England and Wales.</p> <p>A review into the operation in November 2019 showed that the initiative saw a reduction in begging over the previous year of just under 50% since its implementation. The heatmap below provides a useful point of reference and provides a visual display of hotspots including Bishopsgate, Monument, Moorgate, Aldersgate and Cheapside. It is hypothesised and generally accepted by professionals that the majority of those begging travel into the City in order to beg and are not City rough sleepers, with many residing in some form of accommodation. Beggars are attracted to the City as it is highly lucrative. Data analysis from the review showed that begging occurs mainly during the weekdays between Monday and Friday with 80% being reported between 0800 and 1600 hours. When considering this data it can be hypothesised that the proceeds of begging are likely to be higher when the footfall is higher, therefore beggars make a rational choice to conduct begging activity in the City in high footfall areas at specific locations within a specific time-frame to maximise their reward.</p>



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	This contributes to the SCP outcome ' Anti-Social Behaviour is tackled and responded to effectively '
Detail resources that will be provided from partners supporting this bid. E.g. Matched funding or other input. (further details can be attached).	<p>The initiative is currently being collated by Sector Policing, Partnership and Prevention Hub.</p> <p>Support for the initiative is provided by the below partners:</p> <p>Turning Point – commissioned substance misuse agency, attend all intervention hubs and connect individuals to relevant NHS substance misuse services. The service also offer dual-diagnosis services for those with mental health and substance addiction.</p> <p>Thamesreach – rough sleeping outreach team, attend all intervention hubs and work with City of London Homeless team to find accommodation solutions for rough sleepers. Onward referrals for services such as Rough Sleeping Mental Health Team (NHS ELFT RAMHP), No Second Night Out, Housing First, etc.</p> <p>City of London Community Safety Team – ASB and Strategy Coordinator provides oversight in various professionals meetings, identifying trends and collating information on E-CINS.</p> <p>Parkguard – neighbourhood patrol service, patrolling ASB hotspots and submitting information for intelligence purposes. City of London Police have already supplied financial funding since the implementation of the initiative.</p> <p>British Transport Police – BTP officers at Liverpool Street Station utilise Op Luscombe as many of those that come to notice through Op Luscombe target busy commuter hubs. City officers are able to utilise Op Luscombe in any transport hub within the City.</p>
Timescale funding required for	36 months.
What are the proposals criteria for success?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A clear reduction in reports of begging provide ultimate rates of success. - A small number of individuals may be supported away from begging activity through effective interventions. - The initiative has been used by professional agencies as a 'push factor' into support, this is difficult to measure and may be more



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	<p>measurable through qualitative evidence provided by service providers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Enhanced partnership working.- A reduction in associated ASB such as drug dealing, drug using, street drinking, low level ASB complaints.- Increased confidence in the community.
Officer(s) responsible for monitoring the spend	Chief Inspector Chris Hay.
Budget code/Account details for funds to be transferred.	Special segment code 'PLUS'

Please note recipients will be required to provide quarterly reports on the progress of their funded activity to the SCP. They will also provide a full report, detailing lessons learnt, upon its conclusion.

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Approved: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Approval arrangement: _____

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