



**Police & Crime  
Commissioner**  
FOR HERTFORDSHIRE

## **Decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire**

### **Summary**

The Police and Crime Commissioner has agreed to:

- Approve £25,000 in grant funding (from 2025/26 and 2026/27 budgets) to support a targeted initiative addressing escalating retail crime at 9YARDS Retail Park, Stevenage.
- Enable the Constabulary to deliver evidence-led policing activity, including overtime for hotspot patrols, SelectaDNA tagging capability, and improved retailer communication tools such as radios.
- Support a coordinated partnership approach to reduce losses, safeguard staff, and build public and business confidence, aligned with key Police and Crime Plan priorities.

The initiative responds directly to significant increases in shop theft, business robbery, and associated ASB, and will form the basis of a three-month pilot to test impact.

### **Recommendation**

To note the decision.

I hereby approve the decision above.

Jonathan Ash Edwards

Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire

Date: 17 February 2026