Decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire

Subject: Operation ORGANO Funding Approval
Report of: Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Date: 24/08/2026

Summary

The Police and Crime Commissioner has agreed to:

- **Approve funding of £15,000 from the Commissioner's General Grants budget for the Silver option to support Operation ORGANO,** a proactive rural policing initiative targeting fly-tipping and associated criminality in the Hitchin rural area.
- **Support the provision of targeted overtime patrols in identified hotspot locations,** using intelligence-led deployments at times when offending is considered more likely.
- **Support enforcement, intelligence gathering and partnership activity** aimed at preventing and detecting fly-tipping, disrupting associated criminality and reassuring rural communities.
- **The approved funding will provide 252 hours of overtime for targeted patrol activity under the Silver option.** Operation ORGANO will provide a visible policing presence in rural areas around Hitchin and support targeted enforcement, intelligence gathering and coordinated working with partner agencies

Recommendation

To note the decision.

I hereby approve the decision above.

Jonathan Ash Edwards
Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire
Date: 24 August 2026