Decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire

Subject: Retail Crime Outcome Improvement Pilot Continuation Funding
Report of: Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Date: 12/10/2026

Summary

The Police and Crime Commissioner has agreed to:

- **Approve a further £10,000 from the PCC Retail Crime budget** to continue the Retail Crime Outcome Improvement Pilot for an additional three-month period.
- **Support the continuation of the voluntary overtime-based review function,** providing additional capacity to review retail crime reports and investigations, identify suspects and evidential opportunities, and progress viable cases towards positive outcomes.
- **Require continued monitoring of the pilot's activity, outcomes and expenditure,** with a further evaluation to be reported through the appropriate governance arrangements at the end of the continuation period.

The pilot uses experienced officers working voluntary overtime to review Auror reports and associated Athena investigations, identify suspects, progress investigations and prepare cases for further action.

The additional funding will enable this work to continue for a further three months as an interim measure while longer-term resourcing arrangements are considered. Activity, outcomes and expenditure will be monitored throughout the continuation period

Recommendation

To note the decision.

I hereby approve the decision above.

Jonathan Ash Edwards
Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire
Date: 12 October 2026