1. **Purpose of report**
   
   1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £12,100 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the NIF to Essex Neighbourhood Watch (NhW), whose activities will contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan for Essex.

2. **Recommendations**
   
   2.1. Approve the allocation of the NIF grant to engage an administrator for the Essex Community Messaging system to develop appropriate skills and understanding of the system to ensure its effective use.

3. **Benefits of Proposal**
   
   3.1. The proposal is to provide short-term funding to engage professional support and undertake a range of tasks relating to the granting of a licence to ECNhWA to operate within the Essex Community Messaging (ECM) system. The post holder will be designated ECM ADMINISTRATOR FOR ESSEX NhW

3.2. The aims of the project are to:

   - Train NhW personnel in the use of ECM
   - Build and manage an ECM membership database
   - Design an ECM messaging protocol
   - Develop interface arrangements with ALERT
   - Devise and Implement a NhW Scheme Registration protocol
   - Develop other ECM partnerships
4. **Background and proposal**

4.1 The post will be for 12 months only, with a clear brief to ensure the skillset and knowledge to generate ECM content is self-sustaining amongst NHW and other key agencies / partners at the end of the 12 month contract.

4.2 The post should be managed by the Essex Police HQ Territorial Command, with regular support & interactions with the Essex Watch Liaison Officers (EWLO) and Crime Prevention Officers.

5. **Police and Crime Plan**

5.1 Supports priorities in the Police and Crime Plan as follows;
- Reducing domestic abuse
- Improving crime prevention
- Ensuring local solutions meet local problems
- Increasing efficiency in policing through collaborative working and innovation

6. **Police Operational Implications**

6.1 The post-holder will be employed by Essex Neighbourhood Watch but will work closely with the Essex HQ Territorial Command Team.

7. **Financial Implications**

7.1 The PCC would fund a £12,100 contribution to Essex Neighbourhood Watch.

8. **Legal Implications**

8.1 The award of the grant is subject to the PCC's standard funding agreement.

9. **Staffing and other resource implications**

9.1 There are no staffing issues.

10. **Equality and Diversity implications**

10.1 There are no equality and diversity implications.
Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the Chief Executive and CFO and the PCC Solicitor where legal implications arise.

Chief Executive/M.O ........................................ (As necessary)

Chief Financial Officer ........................................

PCC Legal Advisor ........................................ (As necessary)

Decision

I agree the recommendations to this report

[Signature]

-PCC/Deputy PCC

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because

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Publication

Reasons for non-publication (state 'None' if applicable)


Signed/Print name

Report for publication

YES ☐

NO ☐

If the report is not for publication, the Chief Executive will decide if and how the public can be informed of the decision.