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Report to PCC	Report reference number PCC/0016/13
Date of Decision Date of Report: 21 st March 2013	Area of County/Stakeholders affected Countywide
Title of report: 2013/14 funding to the Essex Youth Offending Service – Youth Crime and Substance Misuse prevention work previously funded from Youth Justice Board Grants.	
Report by:	
Enquiries to: Jasmine Frost, Essex Police	

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval to allocate £84,688 to Essex Youth Offending Service to support their work in youth crime and substance misuse prevention work

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To approve the allocation of the above funding to support the prevention work

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1 Substance Misuse (Drugs and Alcohol) continues to be clearly identified as a contributory factor to a considerable proportion of reported crime and disorder across Essex.
- 3.2 The proposal supports Essex Family Solutions in early intervention and prevention with families where young people are /or likely to be on the verge of involvement in criminality or substance misuse

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1 The proposal is that Essex Youth Offending Service will use the £84,688 to support the funding of 10 FTE posts of Early Intervention workers within the Family Solution Teams. The staff have predominantly been seconded from early intervention work within the Youth Offending Service to the same work within the family setting.
- 4.2 The staff deployed within this teams are able to carry out effective prevention work, not only with the young person but with the support of the family.

5. Police and Crime Plan

- 5.1. This proposal to support the provision of early intervention workers within Family Solutions across Essex supports the key priority area in the Police and Crime Plan around reducing youth offending and youth re-offending.
- 5.2. It aligns with the PCCs Police and Crime Plan in relation to tackling the consequences of drug and alcohol abuse.
- 5.3. It also accords with the PCC's approach set out in the Police & Crime Plan where there is a continuing need to support those existing services involved in tackling the causes and consequences of crime.
- 5.4. The impact that this grant allocation has on the achievement of the Police & Crime Plan will be monitored during 2013/14.

6. Police Operational Implications

- 6.1 Essex Police also contribute staff to the YOS. Four police officers are seconded in Essex and one each in Thurrock and Southend.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 The long term financial implications would be a rise in youth offending and increased demand upon policing.
- 7.2 The money requested is part funding the roles which will support youth offending but also the wider implications of families that are identified as requiring the most support.

8. Legal Implications

- 8.1 The award, use and monitoring of the grant will be compliant with the 2013/14 Home Office Grant Agreement.

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9. Staffing and other resource implications

- 9.1 There are no staffing issues. Staff delivering services associated with this grant are all employed directly by Youth Offending Service or ECC Family Solutions.


10. Equality and Diversity implications

- 10.1 This service would ensure that an underserved and hard to engage section of society would continue to have a specific element of support.

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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. 

Chief Financial Officer

PCC Legal Advisor (As necessary)

Decision

I agree the recommendations to this report



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I do not agree the recommendations to this report because

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