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Report to PCC	Report reference number PCC/0017/13
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 £18,586 to Southend 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 outlines the many aspects of prevention work that is carried out by the Southend Youth Offending Service and the monies allocated here form a small percentage of the work carried out.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1 The proposal is that Essex Youth Offending Service will use the £18,586 to support the following activities:

Triage - 92k

Since Triage began in April 2009 there have been a total of 820 young people going through the process to the end of December 2012 and out of these only 91 young people have re-offended after receiving Triage which represents a 11% re-offending rate.

Triage has therefore enabled the YOS to:

- significantly reduce first time entrants into the criminal justice system
- significantly reduce re-offending rates for this group
- identify potential prolific offenders at the earliest stage
- avoid criminalising children and young people, which in turn
- significantly increases their opportunities for more positive outcomes

Street Based Team - 121k plus Police Overtime paid by YOS

The Street Engagement Team undertake specific operations in identified hotspots between the hours of 6pm and midnight in order to protect children left to wander the streets at night without adult supervision who are at risk of offending, committing anti-social behaviour or engaged in underage drinking. These are joint initiatives undertaken by YOS and the Police whereby workers engage with children and young people removing them where appropriate and necessary.

From April to December 2013 the team have undertaken 274 deployments and referred 73 young people on to other parts of our service for further targeted intervention.

Challenge & Support – 50k

The Challenge & Support Project uses a triple track approach of Challenge, Support & Enforcement and has been in operation since July 2010. It is undoubtedly having an impact on improving the behaviour of young people involved in anti-social behaviour in Southend.

Between April – December 2012, the project has engaged with 261 children and young people and only 10 have gone on to offend and receive substantive orders. Tools & Powers used include ABC's, Home Visits, Warning Letters, signposting to positive activities and referrals to relevant agencies.

5. Police and Crime Plan

- 5.1. This proposal supports the key priority area in the Police and Crime Plan around reducing youth offending and youth re-offending.

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- 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.

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 As can be seen by the figures detailed in the document the money provided by the PCC is a small percentage of the total money invested in prevention and substance misuse work carried out by Southend YOS.

8. Legal Implications

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

9. Staffing and other resource implications

- 9.1 There are no staffing or resourcing implications beyond the allocation of the grant monies.

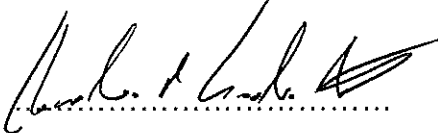
10. Equality and Diversity implications

- 10.1 The continuation of 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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