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Title of report PCC WECB Fund – contribution to the Whole Essex Community Budget Team ('14-15)	
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £290,000 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the WECB Fund to Essex County Council.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of the Community Safety Fund grant to the Whole Essex Community Budget (WECB) team for the activities in the table below:

Reducing Domestic Abuse	£156,000
Reducing Re-offending	£48,000
Strengthening Communities	£69,000
WECB Programme Office	£17,000

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1 The core idea of community budgets is that a broad range of partners should agree common outcomes and then pool resources and join up activities to achieve those outcomes. Important dimensions are improving quality, efficient use of public money, promoting choice, localism, enabling civil society and prevention of social and economic problems.

3.2 Breaking down barriers is key to making localism work, because the more control and flexibility local partners have, the closer they can work with communities and more flexibly respond to their needs.

4. Background and proposal

4.1 The PCC's office, along with other key public sector partners provided funding for the WECB programme last year. This funding is intended as a pooled resource to facilitate closer and more effective working between partners to improve outcomes for Essex residents.

5. Police and Crime Plan

5.1. This proposal supports the PCC's vision and delivery of the following key areas of focus:

- Ensuring local solutions meet local problems
- Reducing youth offending and all types of re-offending
- Reducing domestic abuse
- Supporting victims of crime
- Increasing efficiency in policing through collaborative working and innovation

6. Police Operational Implications

6.1 None

7. Financial Implications

7.1 The PCC would fund a £290,000 contribution to the Whole Essex Community Budget Team within Essex County Council.

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 issues.

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