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Title of report PCC NIF – Safe as Houses project	
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £18,905 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the NIF to Southend Association of Voluntary Services (SAVS), 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 develop the Safe as Houses project in Southend.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1 The project aims to carry out 'Safe as Houses' home visits to residents across Southend, co-ordinated by our Turning Tides Project.
- 3.2 In addition to the continuation of the pilot, this application seeks to provide a new aspect to the service; using specially trained staff and volunteers to visit women who are classed as 'medium risk' victims of domestic abuse.
- 3.4 It is expected that both projects will achieve safer neighbourhoods and greater awareness of safety initiatives, empowering residents to become more

confident, informed and resilient to deal with crime and safety initiatives. The main aims of "Safe as Houses" is as follows:

- Ensure quality/accurate information about crime prevention is presented to residents that are hard to reach
- Promote safety and security in the communities, particularly in high risk areas for dwelling burglary and bogus calling
- Raise awareness and engagement with other services i.e. Neighbourhood Watch
- Change the perception of crime and breakdown some of the myths and misinformation within the communities
- Deliver successful ways of collaborative working between the voluntary and public sectors
- Increase engagement in services

The main aims of our Safe as Houses DA project are:

- Ensure that all medium and standard risk victims of domestic abuse are enabled to maximise the effectiveness of the existing security of their homes. Any deficiency in the physical security of their home is identified, and brought to their attention. All locally available options, including enlisting the support of any extended family explored to rectify the issue
- To allow the victim to ask questions at a pace appropriate to them, and explore the potential for a personal safety plan

4. Background and proposal

4.1 The proposal is supported by a detailed application in the required format.

5. Police and Crime Plan

Supports priorities in the Police and Crime Plan as follows;

- Improving crime prevention
- Reducing Domestic Abuse
- Supporting Victims of crime
- Increasing efficiency in policing through collaborative working and innovation
- Ensuring local solutions meet local problems

6. Police Operational Implications

6.1 None

7. Financial Implications

7.1 The PCC would fund a £18,905 contribution to SAVS

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 None

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