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<b>Report to PCC</b>	<b>Report reference number</b> PCC/ 0066/14
<b>Date of Report</b> 28 July 2014	<b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected</b> Colchester
<b>Title of report</b> PCC NIF – Colchester Standing Together	
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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £238.80 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the NIF to Essex Police for the Standing Together project

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of the NIF grant for the delivery of the standing together initiative.

**3. Benefits of Proposal**

- 3.1. The proposal is to purchase 200 light-weight, hi-visibility vests embossed with the words 'SAFER COLCHESTER STANDING TOGETHER' on the rear
- 3.2. By having the officers walking the streets in high visibility clothing it will give public reassurance at a time when local residents may have additional concerns due to two recent and well-publicised fatal incidents.
- 3.3. The partnership also implement many events in the town, so as well as being worn for 'business as usual', the vests can be worn at planned events that attract lots of residents, such as Community Days of Action, Crucial Crew and School projects. High visibility tabards will show the community that officers are around and can be identified easily
- 3.4. The project's aims are;

- i. To give public reassurance after a number of critical incidents in the town.
- ii. Partnership staff can be identified which will lead to greater opportunity for public interaction and improved service provision.
- iii. Highly visible officers will help to deter incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour

#### **4. Background and proposal**

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

4.2 The project is 50% match-funded by Colchester Borough Council

#### **5. Police and Crime Plan**

Supports priorities in the Police and Crime Plan as follows;

- Improving crime prevention
- Reducing youth offending and youth re-offending
- Tackling the consequences of drug and alcohol abuse and mental health issues
- Improving road safety
- Ensuring local solutions meet local problems

#### **6. Police Operational Implications**

6.1 No operational implications

#### **7. Financial Implications**

7.1 The PCC would fund a £238.80 contribution to Essex Police

#### **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 D&E implications



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