1. **Purpose of report**

1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of up to £100,000 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the 2015-16 Community Safety Fund to be made available to local Community Safety Partners to tackle hidden harm. This funding is allocated from carry forward from the 2014-15 Community Safety Fund.

2. **Recommendations**

2.1. Approve the allocation of a proportion of the 2015-16 Community Safety Fund grant to invest in a Hidden Harm fund to coincide with the announcement of the amendment of the Police & Crime Plan to incorporate hidden harm as an area of focus.

3. **Benefits of Proposal**

3.1. The funding will be used to invest in local community projects and activities that tackle the .

3.2. The primary purpose of the fund is to support the voluntary and community sector to develop the ability of communities, family and individuals to help themselves and each other.
4. Background and proposal

4.1 This additional funding will be made available to Community Safety Partnerships in addition to their core funding to allow them to undertake additional activities to tackle the emerging issue of hidden harm.

4.2 CSPs will be invited to submit proposals for how the funding should be distributed. Specific funding decisions will be subject to further decision sheets – this decision relates solely to the allocation of a separate hidden harm pot within the 2015-16 community safety fund.

5. Police and Crime Plan

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

- Reducing hidden harm
- Improving crime prevention
- Supporting victims of crime
- Ensuring local solutions meet local problems
- Increasing efficiency in policing through collaborative working and innovation

6. Police Operational Implications

6.1 There are no operational implications.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 The PCC would provide up to £100,000 to community safety partners across Essex.

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 implications

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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

PCC/Deputy PCC

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because

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Publication

Reasons for non-publication *(state 'None' if applicable)*

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Signed/Print name

Report for publication

YES □

NO □

If the report is not for publication, the Chief Executive will decide if and how the public can be informed of the decision.