1. **Purpose of report**

1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £14,685 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the NIF to SUCET, 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 SUCET to deliver 5 weekly 1-hour workshops aimed at reducing non-domestic assaults in Milton, Victoria and Kursaal wards.

3. **Benefits of Proposal**

3.1 To help support the prevention of non-domestic assaults on 10-19 year olds (which have increased by 15% over the last 12 months) SUCET will run a series of workshops and football sessions that are aimed at younger school pupils to deter them from offending now and when they move into the age group where there has been a sharp increase in assaults.

3.2 The main aims of this project are:

- To pilot an innovative programme that will help the police to reduce crime.
- To tackle youth offending and re-offending by working in partnership with local statutory and third sector organisations.
- To support children to achieve in school and in sport.
- To improve community cohesion.
- To increase confidence and self-esteem of young people through achievement in sport, team work and competition.
To increase the health and social opportunities of children by providing regular physical activities and sign posting participants to other sporting opportunities

4. **Background and proposal**

4.1 Premier League Kicks started as a pilot project in London between the Premier League and the Metropolitan Police in 2006. It is now a national programme and Southend is one of 47 Premier and Football League clubs running PL Kicks that engage over 71,000 young people. Statistics show nationally: up to 60% reduction in anti-social behaviour in Kicks areas; up to 20% reduction in ‘select crime’ most often associated with young people; 28% reduction in criminal damage and 19% in violence against the person. Southend Community runs five sessions each week and last year engaged with 550 individuals. The programme is designed to engage with hard to reach young people in some of the most disadvantaged areas of the community, helping them to turn their lives around through the power of football, guiding them towards a range of healthy and constructive activities and bring communities together.

4.2 The project benefits from match-funding from Southend United in the form of match-tickets.

5. **Police and Crime Plan**

5.1 Supports priorities in the Police and Crime Plan as follows;
- Reducing youth offending and youth re-offending
- Tackling the consequences of drug and alcohol abuse and mental health issues
- 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 No operational impact

7. **Financial Implications**

7.1 The PCC would fund a £14,685 contribution to SUCET

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
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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PCC/Deputy PCC

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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.