1. Purpose of report
1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £17,803 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 provide a Community Cohesion Officer on Canvey Island.

3. Benefits of Proposal
3.1 The SUCET Community Cohesion Officer will set up and manage a new Kicks project on Canvey Island for children and young people aged 12 to 19 years. This is a pilot project that will engage with children and young people through football and then provide workshops to help reduce crime, antisocial behaviour and also educate them about the importance of healthy living through physical activity, diet and not engaging in bad habits such as smoking, drugs and alcohol and will also provide information and sign posting to other free sports sessions, volunteering, training and educational opportunities.

3.2 The main aims of this project are:
   - To pilot an innovative programme that will help the police to reduce crime and ASB.
   - To provide meaningful sporting and social activity for young people primarily from the deprived wards on Canvey Island.
• To tackle youth offending and re-offending by working in partnership with local statutory and third sector organisations.
• To improve crime prevention.
• To improve community cohesion.
• To improve the health of local young people by providing regular physical activities, sign posting participants to other sporting opportunities and by providing information and workshops.
• To increase opportunities for young people by offering exit routes into training, education and employment.
• To improve confidence and self-esteem of young people through achievement in sport, team-work and competition.

4. Background and proposal

4.1 Southend United Community & Educational Trust (SUCET) provides sporting, recreational and educational activities that will enhance both the personal and social development of all participants. SUCET deliver under the four main themes of education, participation, health and social inclusion.

The aim of the Trust is to get more people and communities active by providing good quality and inclusive football and sport provisions that improve health and well-being, education and training, reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, promote community cohesion and shared common values.

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

4.3 This project is in addition to the SUCET intervention to be delivered in Southend.

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
• 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 £17,803 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)

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**Decision**

I agree the recommendations to this report

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I do not agree the recommendations to this report because

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Publication

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


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.