1. **Purpose of report**
1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £4,150 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the NIF to Greenfields Housing, 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 deliver the Greenfields Housing Firebreak course.

3. **Benefits of Proposal**
3.1. Greenfields Housing is proposing to use the Firebreak initiative, delivered by Essex County Fire & Rescue Service, for young people that are currently resident within their properties in Braintree. The course is primarily aimed at those engaging in negative behaviour but can also be for those who need a little support and direction in terms of interaction & communication skills.

3.2. The programme aims to promote a culture of safety and citizenship by providing a range of vital life skills whilst undertaking the various disciplines of the Fire Service.

3.3. Through the achievement of the above aims, Firebreak endeavours to:
  - Instil a sense of self discipline, self-worth, independence and responsibility
  - Promote teamwork amongst the attendees
  - Encourage trainees to respect the differences between people
  - Confirm the benefits of worthwhile and fulfilling relationships
• Urge trainees to play an active and worthwhile role as a member of their community
• Ensure that the trainees make the most of their own and others potential.

4. **Background and proposal**

4.1 The Firebreak initiative provides a learning environment that combines practical skills and scenario based training, with classroom centred theory/discussion workshops. During the course, Firebreak students will take part in activities aimed at improving self-esteem, self-discipline and responsibility. This is achieved by employing fundamental Fire Service principals of leadership, teamwork and motivation.

5. **Police and Crime Plan**

5.1 Supports priorities in the Police and Crime Plan as follows;
• Improving crime prevention
• Reducing youth offending and youth re-offending
• Ensuring local solutions meet local problems

6. **Police Operational Implications**

6.1 There are no operational implications

7. **Financial Implications**

7.1 The PCC would fund a £4,150 contribution to Greenfields Housing

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.

AD for Commissioning

Decision

I agree the recommendations to this report

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