1. **Purpose of report**  
   1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £26,353.50 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the CSDF to the Children’s Society, 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 CSDF grant to the Children’s Society to host a senior child sexual exploitation (CSE) lead post.

3. **Benefits of Proposal**  
   3.1. The project will employ a Senior Child Sexual Exploitation Lead (CSE) within The Children’s Society Essex, co-ordinating activity around CSE within Essex.

   3.2. The CSE lead will have the following responsibilities;  
       * Co-ordinate a multi-agency response to CSE  
       * Assist as a single point of contact for CSE support including Essex Police and Essex Social Care.  
       * Develop capacity across Essex; to engage young people who are victims of CSE referred by Essex Police or Essex Social Care.

   3.3. The role will take responsibility of a proposed CSE programme for young people as it develops within TCS- Essex. As part of this programme the Lead will feed into current Essex strategy and it’s response to CSE as it develops, offering expertise and advice to professionals from a third sector perspective. They will ensure appropriate promotion of the programme to increase capacity
of Essex Police's Child Sexual Exploitation Triage Team (CSETT). Information, promotion, guidance and awareness will also be disseminated to professionals through the delivery of CSE champion training, currently delivered between TCS-Essex, Essex Police and Essex Social care.

4. **Background and proposal**
4.1 The CSE lead will be supported by 4 project officers, funded by The Children's Society and a bid to the Big Lottery.

4.2 The project benefits from £26,353.50 from Essex Police Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) funding.

5. **Police and Crime Plan**
5.1 Supports priorities in the Police and Crime Plan as follows;
   - Tackling the consequences of drug and alcohol abuse and mental health issues
   - Reducing Hidden Harm
   - Supporting victims of crime
   - Improving crime prevention
   - Reducing youth offending and youth re-offending
   - Ensuring local solutions meet local problems

6. **Police Operational Implications**
6.1 Essex Police will be supported by a CSE lead and a team of 4 project officers.

7. **Financial Implications**
7.1 The PCC would fund a £26,353.50 contribution to The Children's Society 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
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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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.