

<b>Approved By:</b>  Greg Myddelton, Assistant Director Commissioning	<b>Classification of Paper:</b>  Not Protectively Marked
<b>Report to PCC</b>	<b>Report reference number</b> PCC/ 0077/15
<b>Date of Report</b> 18 June 2015	<b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected</b> Countywide
<b>Title of report</b> PCC CSDF – Only Cowards Carry Weapons Awareness	
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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £15,000 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the CSDF to Only Cowards Carry Weapons Awareness, 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 Only Cowards Carry to fund training programmes for young people.

**3. Benefits of Proposal**

- 3.1. Only Cowards Carry Weapons Awareness Limited are planning to develop and expand their educational and informative awareness training programmes on Knife and Weapons, Gang Culture, Drugs and Alcohol and Bullying for young people and communities across Essex, Southend and Thurrock for the benefit of public safety and the safeguarding of young people.
- 3.2. OCC will also develop and present further training packages on subjects including Gang Culture, Bullying, Parent Awareness and Drugs and Alcohol misuse, raising the awareness of the long term hazards that can often lead to crime and violent behaviour that generally involve a dangerous weapon. The educational programmes are intended to support young people, prevent violent crime, reduce youth offending and meet the needs of local communities across Essex.

- 3.3. The educational programmes will be delivered in schools, youth groups, activity centres, prisons and other organisations as well as at community safety events across Essex and in the Only Cowards Carry Training room
- 3.4. The objectives of the project are;
- To raise awareness of the dangers and consequences of carrying a knife or any other dangerous weapon and educate young people to create safer communities.
  - To change the outlook of young people who think they are 'cool' and 'safe' carrying a weapon of any kind and prevent young people from committing violent crime, safeguarding young people.
  - To increase community safety and reduce the number of incidences of weapons/ violent crime across Essex, Southend and Thurrock.
  - Increased reporting to the appropriate authorities that someone is carrying a weapon through education.
  - To reduce Drugs and Alcohol abuse, Gang Culture, Bullying and other issues related to violent crime.
  - To meet the needs of local areas and tackle the problems in an informed and appropriate manner. OCC is an inclusive charity, working with all individuals and will assist vulnerable young people and offer tailored services and programmes.

#### **4. Background and proposal**

- 4.1 OCC training programmes are working towards formalised accreditation from a local Further Education College in Essex in the Tendring District.
- 4.2 Tendring district council and local district commander are both supportive of this project.

#### **5. Police and Crime Plan**

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

#### **6. Police Operational Implications**

- 6.1 No operational impact

#### **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1 The PCC would fund a £15,000 contribution to Only Cowards Carry Weapons Awareness

#### **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**

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because

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**Publication**

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