1. Purpose of report
   1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £455 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the Hidden Harm Fund to Chelmsford City Council, 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 Hidden Harm Fund grant to Chelmsford City Council to provide a suitable location for CSE training aimed at supporting taxi drivers to identify and report possible child sexual exploitation.

3. Benefits of Proposal
   3.1. The project aims to:
      * raise awareness of issues regarding the safeguarding of children and adults
      * raise awareness of CSE, including definitions, risks and indicators
      * help taxi drivers to understand their responsibilities for taking action
      * help drivers understand reporting mechanisms
      * help drivers understand Essex Police’s policies regarding CSE
      * ensure taxi drivers are able to respond appropriately when they suspect abuse

   3.2. This funding will contribute towards the hire of a suitable venue (Hylands House, Chelmsford) to ensure attendance at the event is maximised

4. Background and proposal
4.3 The project benefits from £330 match funding from Chelmsford, Maldon & Braintree Councils.

5. **Police and Crime Plan**
5.1 Supports priorities in the Police and Crime Plan as follows;
   - Reducing domestic abuse and wider hidden harms

6. **Police Operational Implications**
6.1 No operational impact

7. **Financial Implications**
7.1 The PCC would fund a £455 contribution to Chelmsford City Council

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.

Asst. Director for Commissioning

Decision

I agree the recommendations to this report

PCC/Deputy PCC

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because

PCC/Deputy PCC
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If the report is not for publication, the Chief Executive will decide if and how the public can be informed of the decision.