1. Purpose of report
1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £960 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the CSDF to Essex Police, 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 Essex Police to hire a venue for the meetings of the local Volunteer Police Cadet (VPC) programme.

3. Benefits of Proposal
3.1. This funding relates solely to securing suitable premises for the ongoing delivery of Chelmsford & Maldon VPC. Several premises have been trialled and scoped for suitability but it has proved impossible to identify a premises that is accessible, with appropriate facilities at neutral cost. Initial funding and the business case for VPC in Essex did not include funding for premises, as other Forces have secured premises at neutral cost. Efforts will continue to be made to identify a suitable location in the long-term at no cost, but in the short-term funding is sought to hire Essex Boxing Club which will secure the operation of Chelmsford & Maldon VPC until spring 2016.

4. Background and proposal
4.1. The VPC programme aims to reduce youth vulnerability to crime in Essex & provide opportunity for young people to participate positively in their communities.
4.2. The cost of this hire includes a £640 reduction in fees from the premises owner.

5. Police and Crime Plan
5.1 Supports priorities in the Police and Crime Plan as follows;
   • Supporting victims of crime
   • Reducing youth offending and all types of re-offending
   • Improving crime prevention
   • 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 £960 contribution to Essex Police

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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I do not agree the recommendations to this report because

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Signed/Print name

Report for publication  YES □
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If the report is not for publication, the Chief Executive will decide if and how the public can be informed of the decision.