1. **Purpose of report**

1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £15,132 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the CSDF to Southend-on-Sea Domestic Abuse Projects (SoSDAP), 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 SoSDAP to provide a BME support worker to engage hard-to-reach members of the community in Southend.

3. **Benefits of Proposal**

3.1. The project will improve provision of specialist DA support to victims from BME communities that are traditionally harder to engage. The support worker will provide direct support where necessary but will also improve awareness and promote an integrated service across the area.

3.2. The need for this project has been identified through SoSDAP’s delivery of local domestic abuse services, which has experienced an increase in referrals from BME communities, with individuals having additional needs. These needs include immigration, financial control, languages, cultural and faith issues and access to employment / education.

4. **Background and proposal**

4.1. The project benefits from match-funded of £2,000 from SoSDAP and an investment of volunteer time.
5. Police and Crime Plan
   5.1 Supports priorities in the Police and Crime Plan as follows;
       • Reducing domestic abuse and wider hidden harms
       • Supporting victims of crime

6. Police Operational Implications
   6.1 No operational impact

7. Financial Implications
   7.1 The PCC would fund a £15,132 contribution to SoSDAP

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

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Signed/Print name

Report for publication

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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.