1. **Purpose of report**

1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £5,000 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the Community Safety Development Fund (CSDF) to Thurrock local safeguarding children’s board, 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 2015-16 CSDF grant to Thurrock LSCB to run the walk on-line road-show.

3. **Benefits of Proposal**

3.1. With the emerging and recent high profile Child Sexual Exploitation cases being identified across the country, and sadly some cases here in Thurrock, Thurrock LSCB identified a need to raise awareness to the young people of Thurrock to some of the dangers they may face when using the internet.

3.2. These road-shows will raise awareness of Safeguarding risks to young people, and the impact of any risky behaviours. It will also provide them with choices and options to keep safe and to build on their self-esteem to challenge inappropriate behaviour and make them aware of the support and networks available to them. Through this programme the Board aims to reduce the risks to Thurrock’s children. The information obtained from the sessions will also improve practice and support partner agencies understanding of need resulting in children and young people being better safeguarded.
4. Background and proposal
4.1. The “Walk on Line” road show was first implemented in 2014 and initially targeted 5,570 students from years 5, 6 & 7 from every school across the Borough. This event had been organised based on feedback received from schools, Serious Case Reviews and identified local needs to meet concerns around pupils awareness to sexual exploitation and in particular e-safety and its many facets e.g., cyber bullying, sexting and grooming. Cases and examples used in this event were based on real life examples to be reflective of the nature of the investigations Essex Police were informing the Board they were investigating across these year groups.

4.2. The project benefits from £29,700 match-funding from the local Safeguarding Children Board, local schools, the Community Safety Partnership and Troubled Families team.

5. Police and Crime Plan
5.1. This proposal supports the PCC’s vision and delivery of the following key areas of focus:
   - Reducing youth offending and all types of re-offending
   - Ensuring local solutions meet local problems
   - Improving crime prevention

6. Police Operational Implications
6.1 There are no operational implications

7. Financial Implications
7.1 The PCC would fund a £5,000 contribution to Thurrock local safeguarding children’s board

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 D&E 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
..................................................

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.