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| Title of report PCC CSDF – Tendring ‘Watchdogs’ scheme | |
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £587.50 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the CSDF to Tendring Community Safety Partnership, 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 Tendring CSP for the purchase of equipment in support of the launch of the Tendring WatchDogs scheme.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. Following on from the successful launch of Dog Watch in the Maldon District, Tendring are proposing to extend the scheme to their area. The scheme encourages local dog walkers to report any suspicious, anti-social behaviour (ASB) or criminal activities to the Police. Dog owners will be encouraged to join the scheme and to be the extra eyes and ears whilst out walking their dogs in parks, streets, public footpaths and public places.
- 3.2. Dog owners know their area in more detail and have the opportunity to spot anything out of place or suspicious. They are out and about at all times of the day and night giving them the opportunity to identify unusual, suspicious or potentially criminal activity.
- 3.3. The funding will be used to purchase 250 Watchdog reflective collars. The dog collar sleeves will be marked up with the simple message ‘I am a WATCH dog’. This will be an identifying factor of being part of the scheme and also

generate conversation when noticed. Watch dog members will also be asked to encourage others to join the scheme.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. The scheme will be launched on Wednesday 2nd September 2015 at the Naze Tower, Walton on the Naze, followed by further events at Holland Haven, Holland on Sea on Wednesday 16th September 2015 and Clacton Pier Promenade on Wednesday 7th October 2015.
- 4.2. The new ECM Messaging system will be used as a link to join the 'Watch' dog scheme.

5. Police and Crime Plan

- 5.1 Supports priorities in the Police and Crime Plan as follows;
 - Improving crime prevention
 - Increasing efficiency in policing through collaborative working and innovation
 - 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 £587.50 contribution to Tendring CSP

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

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