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| <b>Report to PCC</b>   | <b>Report reference number</b><br>PCC/ 0108/15          |
| <b>Date of Report</b><br>15 September 2015                               | <b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected</b><br>Basildon |
| <b>Title of report</b> PCC Hidden Harm Fund – Basildon Keep Safe project |   |
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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £4,260 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the Hidden Harm Fund to Basildon 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 Hidden Harm Fund grant to Basildon CSP to implement the Keep Safe project.

**3. Benefits of Proposal**

- 3.1. The project is to implement the Keep Safe scheme within Basildon following a successful launch of the scheme elsewhere in Essex and research that has demonstrated the need for this intervention locally.
- 3.2. The aim of the scheme is to support vulnerable people if they feel anxious and/or unsafe due to being threatened or intimidated, have lost property or feel unwell and require a carer, family member or friend to be contacted on their behalf by:
- providing clearly identified safe places to access;
  - providing use of a phone, or contact made to a safe person on behalf of the end user as identified above; and
  - a safe place to wait for support to arrive.
- 3.3. Safe venues are being identified by conducting a survey of local people as places that they would feel comfortable to approach when anxious. These

include local shops and cafés that we have already approached and agreed to sign up to the scheme and be supported by the project team to deliver the level of service required. Stores such as Asda, Marks & Spencer, Boots, Starbucks, Primark, St Luke's Hospice and Cosmo are amongst those who have signed up to become Safe Venues in Basildon Town Centre. In addition, Eastgate Marketing Suite has agreed to support advertising and promotion of the Keep Safe Scheme.

- 3.4. The project provides direct support to victims of hidden harm, and this funding will be aimed at raising awareness about the scheme to vulnerable people, their families and carers. The scheme will also empower victims of hidden harm to seek support immediately and minimise risk to their safety. This will increase confidence and further enhance independent lifestyles of those who are deemed vulnerable.

#### **4. Background and proposal**

- 4.1. The Keep Safe scheme has been implemented and evaluated within Braintree and other Essex districts and this project includes a development plan, an evaluation plan and support from members of staff at Basildon BC.

#### **5. Police and Crime Plan**

- 5.1 Supports priorities in the Police and Crime Plan as follows;

- Reducing hidden harm
- 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 £4,260 contribution to Basildon 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


**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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**PCC/Deputy PCC**

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because

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