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Report to PCC	Report reference number PCC/ 0113/15
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Title of report PCC CSDF – Trust Links 'Growing Together' Thundersley	
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £16,000 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the CSDF to Trust Links, 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 Trust Links to deliver the 'Growing Together' Thundersley therapeutic horticulture project.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. This project will provide therapeutic gardening and training for adults with mental health problems, offenders under supervision orders with The Essex Community Rehabilitation Company Limited (CRC), those with a history of domestic violence or at risk of abuse, dementia, substance misuse, learning disabilities and students with special needs from the College.
- 3.2. Growing Together Thundersley will help reduce stress and anxiety and provide meaning, purpose and hope in the lives of service users. The project also promotes social interaction and social inclusion, reducing loneliness and isolation. Those at risk of offending, or serving supervision orders will be able to learn new skills, gain positive experiences which will contribute to a non-offending future.

4. Background and proposal

4.1. It is anticipated that the project will support:

- 25 adults with mental health problems for one day per week, including those with a history of offending behaviour, mental health & substance misuse problems
- 10 adults with learning disabilities from Carers Choices for one session per week
- 10 adults with dementia from Carers Choices for one session per week
- 15 young people with behavioural difficulties and special educational needs from SEEVIC College
- 20 vulnerable women.

4.2. This project benefits from £40k match-funding from Essex County Council & Heritage Lottery Fund.

5. Police and Crime Plan

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

- Tackling the consequences of alcohol and drug abuse and mental health issues
- Reducing all types of re-offending
- Improving crime prevention
- Ensuring local solutions meet local problems

6. Police Operational Implications

6.1 No operational impact

7. Financial Implications

7.1 The PCC would fund an £16,000 contribution to Trust Links.

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

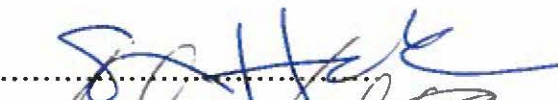

9.1 There are no staffing issues

10. Equality and Diversity implications

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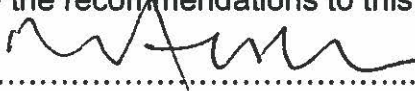
Report Approval

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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I do not agree the recommendations to this report because

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Publication

Reasons for non-publication (state 'None' if applicable)

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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.