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 CSDF to Essex County Council, 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 Essex County Council to finance the evaluation of the Risk Avert programme.

3. **Benefits of Proposal**
   3.1. This funding will contribute towards the evaluation of the Risk Avert programme by a PhD student, recruited by Essex County Council. By evaluating the project the OPCC will be able to demonstrate that the project delivers value for money and effectively delivers against the areas of focus within the Police & Crime Plan.

4. **Background and proposal**
   4.1. This funding request is for £5,000 per year for the 3 years of the PhD course. This initial decision relates to the contribution of £5,000 for the first year of the evaluation.

   4.2. This project benefits from £25k per annum funding from Essex County Council.
5. **Police and Crime Plan**
   5.1 Supports priorities in the Police and Crime Plan as follows:
   - Reducing hidden harm
   - Reducing youth offending and all types of re-offending
   - 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 £5,000 contribution to Essex County Council

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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I do not agree the recommendations to this report because

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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If the report is not for publication, the Chief Executive will decide if and how the public can be informed of the decision.