1. **Purpose of report**

1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £6,000 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the Hidden Harm Fund to Basildon 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 Hidden Harm Fund grant to Basildon Council to support the delivery of the Walk On Line project.

3. **Benefits of Proposal**

3.1. The roadshow aims to make young people think about their online usage and highlight ways in which they can help keep themselves safe. It will also provide information to the adults watching the roadshow and inevitably highlights things that they were not previously aware of in how paedophiles can easily target specific young people to exploit.

3.2. The project will aim to raise awareness of Child Exploitation focusing on online safety including grooming. The sessions will be delivered to all year 5 and 6 school pupils across the Basildon Borough.

4. **Background and proposal**

4.1. The ‘Walk On Line’ Road show has been successfully delivered in other areas across Essex including Thurrock and Southend. Feedback from these areas has highlighted how the roadshow successfully gets the messages across to young people in a way that they understand and really hits home when
showing them how easy it is for them to potentially become a victim to grooming and exploitation.

4.2. The project benefits from match-funding from Basildon CSP & Basildon Council as well as an in-kind contribution from Essex Police.

5. Police and Crime Plan
5.1 Supports priorities in the Police and Crime Plan as follows;
• Reducing domestic abuse and wider hidden harms
• Improving crime prevention
• Ensuring local solutions to local problems

6. Police Operational Implications
6.1 No operational impact

7. Financial Implications
7.1 The PCC would fund a £6,000 contribution to Basildon 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.

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)*


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.