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Title of report PCC CSDF – Chelmsford and Maldon schools project on knife crime, substance misuse and gangs	
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £3,000 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the CSDF to Chelmsford City Council and Maldon District 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 Chelmsford City and Maldon District Councils to provide multi-agency workshops in 12 secondary schools in the Chelmsford and Maldon areas educating young people on knife crime, substance misuse and gangs.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- Young people aged between 11 and 18 years will benefit from the sessions as they will learn about substance misuse and the spiralling effect which can lead to involvement with gangs and knife crime.
- Members of the community who have a high perception and high fear of crime relating to young people, knife crime, substance misuse and gangs, will benefit from knowing that students are being educated.
- The Youth Offending Team and Essex Police will benefit from a reduction in reoffending which in turn will hopefully result in a reduction in their caseload.
- Local authorities will benefit from the project as there will be an increased confidence from the community.
- Teachers will also benefit from the sessions as their awareness will be raised and it will help them to replicate any future work surrounding knife crime, gangs and substance misuse. It will also give teachers confidence that their pupils are being educated around these serious and sensitive issues.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1 Following a number of recent stabbings in the Great Baddow area,

Chelmsford City Council and Maldon District Council instigated an initiative, working in partnership with mid Essex Behaviour and Attendance Partnership, local schools, community organisations and Essex Police to deliver an educational workshop on knife crime, substance misuse and gangs in 12 secondary schools in Chelmsford and Maldon. The programme will be managed and overseen by Chelmsford City Council and Maldon District Community Safety Team.

4.2 The workshop sessions will be delivered by Paul Hannaford, a reformed criminal and gang member who now dedicates his time to having a positive impact on society by working around the country educating young people on what they may realistically come across in everyday life. Following each workshop, The Children's Society will then conduct a session with students to discuss any worries they may have and to identify opportunities for treatment and support for those in need.

4.3 The recipients of the service will be young people aged 11-18 years at the following schools;

Moulsham, Boswells, Chelmer Valley, St John Payne, William deFerrers, King Edward Grammar School, Chelmsford County High, Great Baddow, Sandon, Hylands, Heybridge APS, Plume and Ormiston Rivers Academy

4.3 Match funding for the initiative has been provided by Mid Essex BAP, Chelmsford City Council, Maldon District Council along with staffing resources from Chelmsford and Maldon CSPs.

5. Police and Crime Plan

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

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

6. Police Operational Implications

6.1 No operational impact

7. Financial Implications

7.1 The PCC would fund a £3,000 contribution to Chelmsford City 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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