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Report to PCC	Report reference number PCC/ 021/16
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Title of report PCC Victims Fund – Essex Fire & Rescue Service additional Restorative Firebreak	
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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 2015-16 Victims Fund to Essex Fire and Rescue Service, whose activities will contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan for Essex.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve a further allocation to Essex Fire & Rescue Service to deliver an additional Restorative Firebreak course.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. The Restorative Principles Firebreak runs on the same basis as a standard firebreak course whilst also offering young advocates the support to deal with and implement Restorative Justice principles in school situations such as bullying, enabling positive attitudinal changes, and challenging offenders to have an awareness of the impact of their actions on victims.
- 3.2. Referrals for the course will be sourced from local schools where it is identified anti-social behaviour is a problem in the area. We would aim to target 2-3 schools in an identified area for student referrals where we can then train the students in RJ techniques. It is thought this will then allow the schools to use these students as advocates of RJ to assist in the dealing with issues such as bullying in both schools and local community. It is also hoped that this will reduce time spent by students in school discipline programmes such as isolation or detention.

- 3.3. The projects aims are to;
- Integrate young RJ advocates in all schools involved in the process.
 - Reduce anti-social behaviour within schools
 - Reduce anti-social behaviour within local communities
 - Embed RJ principles working in schools
 - Increase student attendance in classroom sessions and reduce isolation/detention sessions
 - Deliver a practical qualification to attendees
 - Improve the wider partnership's awareness and use of restorative approaches and principles

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. This funding is for an additional Firebreak course in addition to those already delivered, funded by a PCC grant of £13k.
- 4.2. This project is being developed with the assistance of the Essex RJ Hub Development Manager.
- 4.3. The project benefits from in-kind contributions from Essex Fire & Rescue service.

5. Police and Crime Plan

- 5.1 Supports priorities in the Police and Crime Plan as follows;
- Supporting victims of crime
 - Reducing youth offending and 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 a £3,000 contribution to Essex Fire & Rescue Service.

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.

Asst. Director for Commissioning


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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.