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<b>Title of report</b> PCC CSDF – London Theatre Bus Company	
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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 To seek approval for an allocation of £19,900 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the CSDF to The London Theatre Bus Company 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 The London Bus Theatre Company (LBTC) to deliver awareness raising drama workshops to primary schools in the Harwich and Dovercourt area.

**3. Benefits of Proposal**

- 3.1 The project aims to;
- Reduce antisocial behaviour, gang crime and improve crime prevention in Harwich and Dovercourt by improving young people's confidence, self-worth and self-esteem by offering them an opportunity to work together at grass roots level on a new innovative and creative long term project.
  - reduce youth offending and re-offending by increasing employability by offering advanced drama training, volunteering opportunities and the chance for participants to work with industry professionals and gain accreditation through Arts Awards.
  - ensure local problems are solved by local solutions by engaging the young community and reducing isolation amongst local young people by providing free, easy to access, long term inclusive activities that are appealing and include the most hard to reach groups.

- prevent alcohol related antisocial behaviour in Harwich and Dovercourt and educate Year 5 and 6 about the many negative ramifications of alcohol misuse. The workshops will provide young people with key information on how to make sensible choices around alcohol when they progress to secondary school.

#### **4. Background and proposal**

4.1 The LBTC deliver long term feature films and drama projects for young people in the areas of most need across Essex. LBTC is a recognised and respected brand in the county and they have previously delivered two successful feature film projects in Basildon and Canvey, engaging around 300 young people in each of these areas.

4.2 This project will see up to 60 young people taking part in each of the 10 drama workshops that will be delivered to Year 5 and Year 6 pupils at schools in Harwich. Topics covered in the workshops will include alcohol and health issues, anti-social behaviour, peer pressure and personal safety. The workshops will also promote existing campaigns and resources such as "Drugs Awareness Lessons for Primary Schools" and "Kick It".

4.4 Further to the workshops, LBTC will also offer a free monthly drama club for thirty young people for one year and an Arts Awards, in Silver and Bronze, for twenty young people in Harwich over the year.

4.5 This proposal also benefits from some match funding from both Tendring Community Safety Partnership and an Arts Award Fund.

#### **5. Police and Crime Plan**

Supports priorities in the Police and Crime Plan as follows;

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

#### **6. Police Operational Implications**

6.1 There are no operational implications

#### **7. Financial Implications**

7.1 The PCC would fund a £19,900 contribution to The LBTC.

#### **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



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