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<b>Report to PCC</b>	<b>Report reference number</b> PCC/0044/16
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<b>Title of report</b> PCC CSDF – Southend Association of Voluntary Services - 'Safe as Houses' project (continuation)	
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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1. To seek approval for an allocation of £18,147 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the CSDF to Southend Association of Voluntary Services (SAVS) 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 SAVS to continue to deliver the 'Safe as Houses' project.

**3. Benefits of Proposal**

The project aims to;

- reduce the number of victims targeted by fraud across Essex.
- ensure victims have increased awareness about scammers, with increased confidence report those committing fraud.
- make the local community being more resilient and informed about scams, which will reduce the likelihood of new fraud victims

**4. Background and proposal**

- 4.1 SAVS will continue to deliver the Safe as Houses project that was initially funded (£14,260) from CSDF in 2015. The Safe as Houses project provides advice and information to older people across Southend at risk from fraud and door-step scams through our Safe as Houses project run by Turning Tides.
- 4.2 Over the last 8 months the project has been very successful and SAVS has;
- carried out 364 prevention visits,

- made 87 visits to people on the responders list in Rochford,
- carried out 52 priority visits across Southend, Rochford and Canvey Island (250 of these people were receiving scam mail or phone calls on a weekly basis and 20 households were actually being scammed).

Furthermore, 75 of these people received a second visit. In addition to receiving the information and support re the scams, about 15 of these people have received longer term support from Turning Tides through our hoarding and Folk like us projects.

4.3 The project benefits from a significant volunteering contribution from Turning Tides volunteers.

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

Supports the following priorities in the Essex Police and Crime Plan;

- Ensuring local solutions meet local problems
- Reducing hidden harm
- Supporting victims of crime
- Improving crime prevention
- Increasing efficiency in policing through collaborative working and innovation

## 6. **Police Operational Implications**

6.1 There are no operational implications.

## 7. **Financial Implications**

7.1 The PCC would fund a £18,147 contribution to SAVS.

## 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 implications.

## 10. **Equality and Diversity implications**

10.1 There are no equality and diversity implication.



**Publication**

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