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Report to PCC	Report reference number PCC/ 0006/17
Date of Report 23 January 2017	Area of County/Stakeholders affected Tendring, Rochford, Brentwood, Thurrock, and Maldon
Title of report 2016-17 CSDF – Only Cowards Carry Weapons (knife amnesty bins)	
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £21,140 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the Community Safety Development Fund to Only Cowards Carry Weapons Awareness Ltd.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of the CSDF grant to Only Cowards Carry to install and service an additional 7 knife amnesty bins across Essex.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. The Only Cowards Carry knife amnesty project aims to;
- reduce the number of domestic and non-domestic knives in circulation by encouraging their owners to surrender them,
 - provide a legitimate route for members of the public to dispose of any unwanted knives or other weapons,
 - reinforce the message that illegal possession and use of knives is unacceptable and likely to lead to serious consequences for the individuals,
 - reduce levels of violent crime across Essex.
- 3.2. The knife amnesty bins will be located in Jaywick, Harwich, Rayleigh, Brentwood, Maldon & Grays. In each of these areas, the bins are supported by local Community Safety Partnerships and District Commanders. Only Cowards Carry provide further awareness raising and school-based training to compliment the installation of knife bins.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. The knife amnesty bins are of a unique design of which small and large knives / weapons can easily be deposited safely. 7 existing amnesty bins across Essex have already removed 8,163 knives and weapons over a period of 21 months. These were made up of 5,364 domestic knives, 2,168 non-domestic, 629 swords and 2 bb guns were also deposited in the knife bins.

5. Police and Crime Plan

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

- Reverse the trend in serious violence
- Tackle gangs and organised crime
- Protecting vulnerable people from harm

6. Police Operational Implications

- 6.1 No operational impact

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 The PCC would fund an £21,140 contribution to Only Cowards Carry from the 2016-17 CSDF.

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

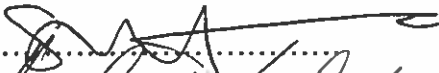
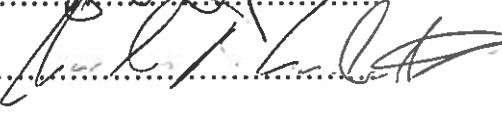
- 9.1 There are no staffing issues

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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PCC/Deputy PCC

Date signed 26.01.2017 Location.....

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.