

PCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Festival of rice
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Colchester
Report by: Greg Myddelton Date of report: 23 May 2017 Enquiries to: greg.myddelton@essex.pnn.police.uk

1. Purpose of report

To approve a £1,000 contribution to the costs of the festival of rice community event

2. Recommendations

Approve the allocation of £1,000 from the 2017-18 Community Safety Fund to Essex Police as a contribution to the festival of rice community event

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. The festival is a celebration of rice, a food which all communities throughout the world enjoy. The food will be prepared by participants; sharing dishes from their own country which will be used as an icebreaker, for conversation and engagement.
- 3.2. The event will help to build relationships between different communities and between those communities and Essex Police.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. Research has identified that event's such as "The festival of rice" is an excellent vehicle to fuse these groups both promoting and improving community trust. One of the specific areas that police are trying to address is how communities that speak little or no English understand how and where to contact the police, this will see the need to overcome language barriers. This project is currently being worked on and the formal launch will coincide with the festival of rice
- 4.2. The event is match-funded by Essex Police Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) and Colchester Community Safety Partnership.
- 4.3. This is the second such event in Colchester. The first proved an outstanding way of engaging traditionally harder to reach communities in a supportive and friendly environment.

5. Police and Crime Plan

- 5.1. The event will help to foster relationships with local communities, supporting the "building block of success" around communities and engagement. The event will also improve the visibility of Essex Police amongst the local community; supporting the objective of more local, visible and accessible policing.

6. Police Operational Implications

No operational implications

7. Financial Implications

Essex PCC will contribute £1,000 from the 2017-18 Community Safety Fund to Essex Police to support the festival of rice community event

8. Legal Implications

This funding will be subject to the terms of the PCC's standard grant agreement

9. Staffing and other resource implications

No liabilities will be placed on the PCC as a result of this grant funding.

10. Equality and Diversity implications

There are no direct equality and diversity implications

Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the AD for Commissioning, prior to review and sign off by the PCC / DPCC

Assistant Director for Commissioning Sign: 
Print: *G. Myddelton*
23.5.17

Decision

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: 
Print: *JANE GARONCEL*

PCC/Deputy PCC

Date signed: *25/05/2017*

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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Sign:

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PCC/Deputy PCC

Date signed:

Publication

Report for publication

YES

NO

Reasons for non-publication (*state 'None' if applicable*)

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