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## PCC Decision Report

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<b>Report reference number:</b> 103/2017
<b>Classification</b> Not protectively marked
<b>Title of report:</b> Colchester street begging campaigns
<b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected:</b> Colchester
<b>Report by :</b> Abbey Gough
<b>Date of report:</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 To seek approval for the allocation of £2,000 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the CSF to Safer Colchester Partnership, 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 CSF grant to support Safer Colchester Partnership's new street-begging publicity campaigns in support of a recent community 'Day of Action'.

**3. Benefits of Proposal**

- 3.1 The proposal will focus on the launch of the 'Real Change not Small Change' and 'Think before you Give' campaigns to help tackle the begging issue in Colchester. This issue was raised during the recent partnership 'Day of Action' as a priority for local partners.
- 3.2 Support has been received from local businesses and licensed premises which will allow for specific and tailored messages to be used for the night time and day time economy.

**4. Background and proposal**

4.1 This campaign has produced positive results in other areas where it has been rolled out, including Ipswich, Basingstoke and Chelmsford. The campaigns are aimed at changing the perception, and approach to street begging in order to provide a long-term solution to the situation.

4.2 The aim is to deliver the campaign in two phases which will include a poster element for raising awareness for phase 1. Phase 2 will involve the issuing of begging boxes and/or alternative giving boxes. Phase 1 of the proposal will be launched at the end of October through the delivery of a 'night of action', co-ordinated by the local Community Safety Partnership.

**5. Police and Crime Plan**

5.1 This proposal supports priority 6 from the Police and Crime plan; protecting children and vulnerable people from harm.

**6. Police Operational Implications**

6.1 No police operational implications

**7. Financial Implications**

7.1 OPCC will fund a one-off contribution of £2,000 to the Safer Colchester Partnership from the 2017-2018 Community Safety Fund. The Community Safety Partnership will have responsibility of managing this project.

**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 or resource implications


**10. Equality and Diversity implications**

10.1 There are no equality and diversity implications

**Report Approval**

The report will be signed off by the OPCC Chief Executive and Treasurer, prior to review and sign off by the PCC / DPCC .

Asst. Director for Commissioning

Sign:  .....

Print: G. Myddelton .....

**Publication**

Is the report for publication?

YES

NO

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Sign: .....

Print: .....

**Chief Executive/Treasurer**

Date signed: .....

**Decision and Final Sign Off**

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: J Gardner .....

Print: JANE GARDNER .....

PCC/Deputy PCC

Date signed: 31 / 10 / 2017 .....

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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Sign: .....

Print: .....

PCC/Deputy PCC

Date signed: .....