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PCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Essex CRC – Service user Council

Area of County/Stakeholders affected:

Countywide

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1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for the allocation of £6963 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the CSF to Essex Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC), whose activities will contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan for Essex. Essex CRC is one of 21 Community Rehabilitation Companies in England and Wales and who provide probation supervision to low and medium risk offenders in Essex. They are one of six CRCs owned by Sodexo.

2. Recommendations

Approve the allocation of the CSF grant to support Essex CRC to expand the Service User Council across the whole of Essex.

3. Benefits of Proposal

When offenders play an active role in their community it can help the process of moving away from crime. Service user involvement allows users the opportunity to give their views and contribute to areas such as service design and monitoring. It ensures that the

CRC is responsive to service user's needs; it gives service users a voice and develops their skills.

4. Background and proposal

In January 2016, Essex CRC established a Service User Council in the Southend, Castle Point and Rochford area which is delivered by User Voice. The aims of the Council are to engage service users (low and medium risk offenders) to inform service development and delivery to reflect their experiences of engaging with the criminal justice system and their knowledge of what is effective.

The CRC wish to expand the localised pilot and expand the Service User Council across the whole of Essex and to increase its reach across the range of partner agencies and services that probation service users engage with e.g. substance misuse, housing and health etc.

5. Police and Crime Plan

This proposal supports priority 2 from the Police and Crime plan; crack down on antisocial behaviour. This initiative is aimed at all service users across Essex CRC's; it will be impacting positively on compliance, engagement and desistance across a range of all offence types including anti-social behaviour.

6. Police Operational Implications

No police operational implications

7. Financial Implications

The total value of this project is £41,926. Essex CRC have secured match funding totalling £34,963 from other partners. OPCC will fund a one off contribution of £6963 to Essex Community Rehabilitation Company from the 2017-2018 Community Safety Fund. The balance remaining within the Community Safety Fund is £44,726.08.

Monitoring of this project will be reported to the Reducing Reoffending Board.

8. Legal Implications

The award of the grant is subject to the PCC's standard funding agreement.

9. Staffing and other resource implications

There are no staffing or resource implications

10. Equality and Diversity implications

There are no equality and diversity implications

11. Background papers

n/a

Report Approval

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