

PFCC Decision Report

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Classification Not protectively marked
Title of report: Homelessness Reduction Act Seminar – venue hire
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for the allocation of up to £1,200 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the CSF to Essex County Cricket Club to provide a venue for a Homelessness Prevention Act Seminar.

2. Recommendations

Approve the allocation of the CSDF grant to pay for a venue to host the first Essex-wide Homelessness Prevention Act Seminar for 50 partners.

3. Benefits of Proposal

As a result of holding this Seminar, we expect to see:

- 3.1.1. Improvements in the way District Councils across Essex work together to respond to the demands of the new Act. This will improve the way in which organisations can work together to provide a high quality and easy-to-access services
- 3.1.2. Districts creating new partnerships and/or broadening existing partnerships, in turn creating a better and more joined up service for individuals
- 3.1.3. Recognition that the needs of those that have a history of offending are significant and must be met.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. Accommodation and housing need is a priority area in the Essex Partnership Reducing Reoffending Strategy.
- 4.2. The Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 introduced a duty on public authorities to refer individuals who they think may be homeless, or threatened with homelessness, to a housing authority. The housing authority should incorporate the duty to refer into their homelessness strategy and establish effective partnerships and working arrangements to facilitate appropriate referrals.
- 4.3. At the October Reducing Reoffending Board meeting members requested information on how the Homelessness Reduction Act (HRA) (effective 1 April 2018) will impact organisations, and to understand how HRA links with other strategies, e.g. Supported Housing Funded Review. The Board also wanted to identify and agree an outline strategy of how agencies will work together to meet requirements of HRA and prevent homelessness.
- 4.4. This seminar will include workshops that seek to understand and address the implications for families affected by homelessness, covering multi-agency public protection arrangements (MAPPA); vulnerable families with children; domestic abuse; and mental health/substance misuse/learning difficulties. These acknowledge the wider, and often hidden social costs to offender families when an offender is sentenced to imprisonment.

5. Police and Crime Plan

This proposal supports the building blocks of success in the Police and Crime Plan (Prevention): Improving the wellbeing of people across Essex, making sure that crime and anti-social behaviour do not happen in the first place and that children and vulnerable people are kept safe from harm; in addition to supporting victims.

6. Police Operational Implications

No police operational implications

7. Financial Implications

OPFCC will fund a one off contribution of £1,200 from the 2017-18 Community Safety Fund to Essex County Cricket Club.

8. Legal Implications

The grant is subject to the PFCC'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

Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the OPFCC Chief Executive and Treasurer, prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC .

Assistant Director for Commissioning Sign: 
Print: G. MYDDELTON

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Chief Executive/Treasurer

Date signed:

Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: *J Gardner*

Print: JANE GARDNER

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 19 JANUARY 2018

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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