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## PFCC Decision Report

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<b>Report reference number:</b> 022/2018
<b>Classification</b> Not protectively marked
<b>Title of report:</b> Operation Buzzard Awareness Posters
<b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected:</b> Countywide
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<b>Date of report:</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
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### 1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for the allocation of £902 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the Community Safety Fund to Essex Police, whose activities will contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan for Essex.

### 2. Recommendations

Approve the allocation of the Community Safety Fund grant to support the production of Rural Policing awareness posters for Operation Buzzard campaign

### 3. Benefits of Proposal

Operations Buzzard is an initiative to coordinate all rural crime related operations in Essex. These operations will make best use of all the specialist teams and help ensure the force is in the best position to tackle a range of rural crime offences. For its continuous success it continues to need the support of local residents, farmers and rural businesses to act as Essex Police eyes and ears on the ground and report any

suspicious activity. The posters help raise awareness of Operation Buzzard and engage communities but also deter crime taking place.

#### **4. Background and proposal**

The Police and Crime Plan emphasised the need for greater collaboration and partnership working and identifies 3 building blocks for success:

- **Prevention** By making sure that crime and anti-social behaviour do not happen and that everybody is kept safe from harm
- **Communication and Engagement** By giving the public a voice in local policing and working together to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour
- **Volunteering** By providing opportunities that enable people to undertake a more active role in reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

The Essex Police Rural Crime Strategy was launched in 2017. To support the delivery of the strategy Essex Police introduced the Gypsy Traveller and Rural Engagement Team based within the Local Policing Support Unit providing a county wide resource. The team will engage with rural communities to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour through the delivery of activity such as Operation Buzzard. Operations Buzzard is an initiative to coordinate all rural crime related operations in Essex. These operations will make best use of all the specialist teams and help ensure the force is in the best position to tackle a range of rural crime offences.

To raise awareness of Operation Buzzard and to act as a deterrent to crime the Operation Buzzard posters are placed within key locations across Essex. These posters are in high demand with many rural communities requiring more as they are a visual aid to recognise and deter anti-social behaviour. Therefore Essex Police would use the funding to provide a further 250 Operation Buzzard awareness posters to rural communities.

#### **5. Police and Crime Plan**

This proposal supports priority 1 more local, visible and accessible policing by helping the rural communities preventing rural crime

#### **6. Police Operational Implications**

No police operational implications

#### **7. Financial Implications**

OPFCC will fund a one off contribution of £902 to Essex Police from the 2017-2018 Community Safety Fund.

#### **8. Legal Implications**

The award of 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


**11. Background papers**

n/a

**Report Approval**

The report will be signed off by the OPFCC Assistant Director for Commissioning, prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC.

Assistant Director for Commissioning

Sign: 

Print: G. MYDDELTON

**Publication**

Is the report for publication?

YES

NO

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2. Of Appendix    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 .....

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 12/3/2018 .....

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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Sign: .....

Print: .....

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: .....