

PFCC Decision Report

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Report reference number: 035/18
Classification Not protectively marked
Title of report: Festival of Rice and Spice
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Braintree, Chelmsford, Colchester, Maldon, Tendring and Uttlesford
Report by : Kirsty Smith Date of report: 19 th March 2018 Enquiries to: Kirsty.smith@essex.pnn.police.uk

1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for the allocation of up to £2000 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the Community Safety Development Fund to Essex Police to support the delivery of the Festival of Rice and Spice

2. Recommendations

Approve the allocation of the Community Safety Development Fund grant to pay for venue hire and other facilities to host the Festival of Rice and Spice

3. Benefits of Proposal

The Festival of Rice & Spice will be a free, one day festival bringing Colchester's diverse local communities to celebrate together – built around the global themes of diversity and equality. It will create an opportunity and a platform for all local communities in Colchester to showcase and share their heritages through food, dance, music, performance and visual arts. The network of organisations represents a wide range of communities, including Bangladeshi, Black African, Caribbean, Chinese, Eastern European, Indian, Iraqi, Nepalese, Syrian, Turkish,

Refugees, Migrant workers, Travellers and local White British groups, together with individuals from many other nationalities

This is the third year the festival will run with previous years receiving great feedback demonstrating

- Greater social cohesion that breaks down barriers across communities
- Local organisation exhibiting are able to share engage with the local community. (This includes Essex Police and other statutory organisations)

4. Background and proposal

The Festival of Rice and Spice was created through Colchester ethnic minority forum and attendance at Independent Advisory Groups identifying that there was a disconnection between different hard to reach communities, the wider community of Colchester and the police service.

Colchester Police have been working closely with different communities in order to break down these existing barriers. However, wanted to continue to strengthen existing relationship and develop new ones.

Essex Police would like to continue to support this festival in its third year as the festival continues to help create greater cohesion across communities. The proposal therefore is to seek £2000 to support venue hire, hire of equipment and furnishings and for this festival to be open to neighbouring districts in the north of the county.

5. Police and Crime Plan

This event supports the Police and Crime Plan Priority for more local, visible and accessible policing.

6. Police Operational Implications

No police operational implications

7. Financial Implications

OPFCC will fund a one off contribution of £2000 from the 2018-19 Community Safety Development Fund to Essex Police

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

This conference aims to promote diversity and break down barriers between Essex Police and ethnic minorities.

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

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Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: J Gardner

Print: JANE GARDNER

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 26 MARCH 2018

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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Sign:

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PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: