

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Streetwise Lockers
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Basildon
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1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for the allocation of up to £5000 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the Community Safety Fund to Essex Police to support the delivery and implementation of Streetwise Lockers Basildon.

2. Recommendations

Approve the allocation of the Community Safety Fund grant to pay for the implementation of lockers for the Homeless in Basildon

3. Benefits of Proposal

The aim and objectives is to support the genuine homeless and verify that they are receiving appropriate support. This is a collaborative project with various homeless support agencies and voluntary groups with police presence in the background intended to focus on aggressive rough sleepers / begging where the case.

The focus on the project will be to assist on stability, building life skills and also challenging negative patterns of behaviour as well as to improve physical as well

as mental health and those issues associated with sleeping rough such as Drugs/ Alcohol and Petty Crime.

4. Background and proposal

The amount of rough sleeper / homeless person is becoming an emerging trend within Basildon. Rough sleepers and begging in Basildon District is becoming a major issue that is having an effect on the businesses and also the local community.

In response to pressure from local business and also the residency of rough sleepers/ Squatters /Homeless persons Essex Police and partner agencies are collaborating to address the problem.

One of the projects proposed is to implement Streetwise lockers.

The 'Streetwise' lockers give homeless people a place to store their few belongings safely. The lockers give the individual some responsibility and having a key to their own space gives them purpose to their lives and a sense of control. They are designed for use by homeless people who may be living rough on the streets with no safe and secure location for valuables or property.

The aim is to facilitating people out of homelessness. The lockers also provide a way for those sleeping on the streets and those desiring to help them to communicate with each other.

The lockers will have an individual door number and postcode this will allow the individual to register for benefits and health services such as GP's.

5. Police and Crime Plan

This initiative supports the Police and Crime Plan Priority to crack down on Anti-Social Behaviour by targeting and tackling behaviour to protect individuals and communities from distress and disruption

6. Police Operational Implications

No police operational implications

7. Financial Implications

OPFCC will fund a one off contribution of £5000 from the 2018-19 Community Safety Fund to Essex Police. The project has received match funding from an external Basildon business of £9000 and Essex Community Foundation of £5000.

The project has also secured ongoing maintenance funding/support through Community commitments from Morgan Sindall (Property Services, construction business) and being able to generate income through advertising space on the lockers

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Chief Executive/Treasurer

Date signed:

Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: *JL Gardner*

Print: *JANE GARDNER*

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: *4 APRIL 2018*

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: