

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Canvey Island Youth Project
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Castle Point
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1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for the allocation of up to £12,500 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the Community Safety Development Fund to Yellow Door to support the delivery of the Canvey Island Youth Project.

2. Recommendations

Approve the allocation of the Community Safety Development Fund grant to pay for the delivery of the Canvey Island Youth Cafe

3. Benefits of Proposal

King George's Park has always been an area where young people congregate and are therefore vulnerable to various predators, drug dealers and those who would encourage them into gangs. There has also been a long history of anti-social behaviour and in the last two years anti-social behaviour has increased substantially.

The benefits of the proposal for a new Youth café will;

- Provide young people with positive activities on Friday evenings and Saturdays
- Ensure young people who congregate in King Georges Park and surrounding areas have access to advice, information and support on a wide range of issues including drugs and alcohol
- Ensure young people who congregate in King George's Park have access to a positive adult presence and a safe space to socialise

4. Background and proposal

Yellow Door (Canvey Island Youth Project) is a local community charity. They work with young people between 11 and 25 who are disadvantaged because of a variety of issues including poverty, homelessness, addiction, behavioural problems, family issues and mental health problems. Yellow Door worked with over 600 young people last year and the educational workshops and youth groups worked with over 1000 young people. The Yellow Door volunteers and workers support young people's individual need whether that is a need for food in an emergency or long term emotional support over a period of years.

In partnership with Essex Youth Service and other local youth organisations Yellow Door want to use a small hall in St George's Playing field to establish a Youth Hub

As part of the consultation for the new Youth Hub young people in local parks and open areas have expressed a need for a Youth Café. Therefore the proposal is to open a youth café in the Yellow Door Youth Hub on a Friday evenings and all day Saturdays. The Youth Café would be run by the young people supported by a youth worker and a café worker. The café would give the young people a place to relax and socialise together in a safe warm space. It would also give them the opportunity to volunteer and learn new skills such as customer care, food preparation and hygiene and business and management skills. The aim of the project will be to give young people a safe place to congregate, to reduce anti-social behaviour in the park and surround areas and to reduce gang and drug activity in the park and surrounding area.

5. Police and Crime Plan

This event supports the Police and Crime Plan Priority to crack down on anti-social behaviour by tackling and targeting behaviour to prevent longer term and more serious crime.

6. Police Operational Implications

No police operational implications

7. Financial Implications

OPFCC will fund a one off contribution of £12,500 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

n/a

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 .

Chief Executive/M.O

Sign



Print: ..DAVID LAWSON..... 09/4/18

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Sign:



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NO

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1. Of Decision Sheet

YES

2. Of Appendix

YES

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NO

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Chief Executive/Treasurer

Date signed:

Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: *Jane Gardner*

Print: *JANE GARDNER*

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: *13 APRIL 2018*

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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