

## PFCC Decision Report

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<b>Report reference number: PCC054/18</b>
<b>Classification</b> Not protectively marked
<b>Title of report:</b> Essex Legal Services – domestic abuse commissioning retainer
<b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected:</b> Essex, Southend and Thurrock
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<b>Date of report:</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1. To approve the allocation of a grant from the 2018-19 Victims' Fund to Essex Legal Services (ELS) for the provision of advice and support to the joint commissioning of Essex domestic abuse support services

**2. Recommendations**


- 2.1. Approve the allocation of £8,947 to Essex Legal Services to support the commissioning of an Essex domestic abuse support service from April 2019.

**3. Benefits of Proposal**

- 3.1. Essex Legal Services will provide support to PFCC and Essex County Council in the joint commissioning of the Essex domestic abuse support service. Specifically, ELS will carry out work in respect of;
- the re-drafting of a collaboration agreement between the parties
  - the drafting of the service contract for the commission of the domestic abuse services
  - support in the conduct of the joint procurement process until appointment of the provider/s by 1 April 2019
  - provision of legal advice on regulatory and commercial matters in connection with the Project

**4. Background and proposal**

- 4.1. This support relates to the commissioning exercise outlined in decision sheet PCC036/18

- 4.2. The scope of this work is made up of 5 work-streams; Regulatory and governance, collaboration agreement, drafting of contract(s), procurement advice, and meeting attendance
- 4.3. Essex County Council will contribute £17,893 to this cost (66% of the total costs) in line with their investment in the service.
- 4.4. Essex County Council has an exclusive arrangement with ELS for the provision of legal advice and support. As the lead organisation for the procurement of this activity, Essex County Council's legal counsel is being utilised.
- 5. Police and Crime Plan**
  - 5.1. This supports the PFCC's strategic priorities to break the cycle of domestic abuse and to protect children and vulnerable people from harm.
  - 5.2. In addition, this work supports the PFCC's overarching principles to place victims at the heart of the criminal justice process and promote partnership working
- 6. Police Operational Implications**
  - 6.1. There are no direct operational implications of this new service for Essex Police.
- 7. Financial Implications**
  - 7.1. The PFCC will make a one-off payment of £8,947 to Essex Legal Services from the 2018-19 Victims' Commissioning fund.
- 8. Legal Implications**
  - 8.1. This funding will be subject to the terms of the PFCC's standard grant agreement.
- 9. Staffing and other resource implications**
  - 9.1. No staffing implications.
- 10. Equality and Diversity implications**
  - 10.1. There are no direct equality and diversity implications
- 11. Background Papers**
  - 11.1.  Decision sheet

**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 .....

Date: ..... 16 APRIL 2018 .....

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Sign:

Print: ..... ABSET GOWARI .....

Date: ..... 16/4/18 .....

**Publication**

Is the report for publication?

YES

NO

If 'NO', please give reasons for non-publication (*state 'None' if applicable*)

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1. Of Decision Sheet

YES

2. Of Appendix

YES

NO

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. Alexander .....

Print: JAMES ALEXANDER .....

**PFCC/Deputy PFCC**

Date signed: 16 APRIL 2018 .....

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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Sign: .....

Print: .....

**PFCC/Deputy PFCC**

Date signed: .....