

## PFCC Decision Report

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<p><b>Report reference number:</b> 071-18</p>
<p><b>Classification</b> (e.g. Not protectively marked/restricted):</p>
<p><b>Title of report:</b> Grant Agreement for the Essex partnership One Public Estate (OPE) Fire Station and Ambulance Station access for police project</p>
<p><b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected:</b> All Essex Fire stations, Fire and Police front-line staff</p>
<p><b>Report by :</b> Amanda Johnson</p> <p><b>Date of report:</b> 3 May 2018</p> <p><b>Enquiries to:</b> Amanda Johnson</p>

### 1. Purpose of report

- (A) Essex County Council (ECC) has been awarded funds by central Government for the One Public Estate and Land Release Programme (**OPE Programme**) under section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003.
- (B) The OPE Programme is designed to facilitate and enable local authority partnerships to work successfully with central government and local agencies on public property and land issues through sharing and collaboration.
- (C) ECC, as lead authority for the joint Essex bid submitted as part of Phase 6 of the One Public Estate Programme, has received £100,000.00 to fund a new project manager to work on the Fire Station and Ambulance Station Access for Police project as part of the OPE Programme.
- (D) ECC wishes to grant this sum to the PFCC in order to carry out the Project.
- (E) An Agreement has been put together which sets out the terms and conditions on which the Grant is made by ECC to the PFCC.
- (F) These terms and conditions are intended to ensure that the Grant is used for the purpose for which it is awarded.

**2. Recommendations**

That the PFCC signs and seals the Agreement to allow ECC to send the £100K they holding from the OPE team over to the PFCC, to fund the three aspects of the project.

**3. Benefits and Costs of Proposal**

The project management work is already underway, this funding means that resource for the project management will be fully funded and no demand made on OPFCC, ECFRS or Police budgets.

**4. Background and proposal**

ECFRS and Essex Police submitted a bid to OPE In November 2017 to undertake three projects around collaborating on Estates for a Project Manager(s) to complete Business cases, including the necessary research for the following projects:

1. Maximising Police flexible working through utilising Fire and Ambulance Estate (renamed Agile Working);
2. Provision of classroom facilities for Police, Fire and Ambulance training in JESIP, supervision and leadership;
3. Joint provision of specialist capabilities between Fire and Police.

The bid was unsuccessful, but as these are key projects the PFCC through the EESCSGB tasked the collaboration programme team to develop formal Project Briefs and bring to the Board to bid for funding for a project manager to continue with the project development. Three scoping workshops were completed in February / March 2018; two were submitted in March and funding agreed pending some additional scoping work, the third is presented at SGB this month.

Adam Thompson (ECC Programme Manager) spoke to the OPE team in regards to the fact that Essex were successful in their LRF bid but unsuccessful in their OPE bid. Following a conversation Adam had with them, the OPE Board have released funding to ECC for the bid submitted. Funding of £100,000 was secured to fund project management under a blanket project of 'Blue Light Access'. This money had the following conditions attached:

1. It is linked to the first project but in the broadest sense of Blue Light Access
2. An MOU was signed and returned to OPE on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018
3. It is for Project Management to build a Business Case
4. ECC will initially receive money as the lead body
5. ECC will give the PFCC the money to spend in 18/19 - it will be transferred to the OPFCC budget held by Essex Police, to be held specifically for this purpose and managed by the ESCP
6. The collaboration team have to return quarterly reports to ECC
7. It needs to link to enabling the Police to release their 80 buildings to 30.

**5. Strategic Priorities**

The PFCC has a clear mandate for collaboration and Essex Police and ECFRS are determined to ensure that the two service estates of Police and Fire demonstrate the best provision of assets in terms of usability, adaptability and public value for money.

**6. Operational Implications**

There are two pilots currently underway and these will be evaluated to ensure all learning is in place in regards to cultural, health and safety, legal and estates principles which need to be established.

**7. Financial Implications**

This bid was fully discussed with the OPFCC S151 officer (Charles Garbett) – his letter of support is one of the background papers.

**8. Legal Implications**

Legal implications are laid in the Agreement

**9. Staffing and other resource implications**

The monies acquired under this agreement will allow a Project manager resource to be fully funded.

**10. Equality and Diversity implications**

There are no equality or diversity implications highlighted in this paper.










**11. Risks**

There are no risks associated with this proposal

**12. Governance Boards**

The original bid was discussed at the Essex Emergency Services Collaboration Strategic Governance Boards which took place in September, October and November 2017. The award of the money following discussions between Amanda Johnson and Adam Thompson was discussed at the Essex Emergency Services Collaboration Strategic Governance Boards which took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018. This board is attended by the Chief Fire Officer of Essex, the Chief Constable of Essex or his deputy and the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.

**13. Background papers**

 Governance briefing 1st Sept 20	 Governance briefing 13th Oct 20	 Governance briefing 17th nov 20	 Agenda item 5b - Strategic Programme	 Letter of support for OPE Bid 0311201	 db BlueLight bids - Essex SADP v0.8 Fin
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**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

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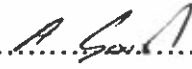


Print: David Lawson

Date: 3 May 2018

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Sign: .....



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Date: ..... 4.5.18 ..... 2018 .....

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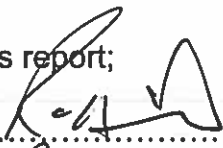
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**Chief Executive/Treasurer**

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Sign: ..... 

Print: ..... *R.C. Hest*

**PFCC/Deputy PFCC**

Date signed: ..... *1/15/18*

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