

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Violence and Vulnerability Firebreak
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for the allocation of up to £40,000 to Essex Fire and Rescue Services to deliver Firebreak courses across Essex.

2. Recommendations

Approve the allocation of up to £40,000 for Firebreak courses as pass-ported funding from Home Office Early Intervention Fund

3. Benefits of Proposal

Over recent years serious violence and its associated harm has become an increasing priority for criminal justice and community safety partners in Essex. This initiated a partnership project that culminated in the development of the countywide Violence and Vulnerability (V&V) Framework
<http://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk/news/safer-essex-violence-and-vulnerability-framework>

Essex came together to develop a new structured approach which delivers against the Violence and Vulnerability Framework. This includes a Strategic Leadership Board, bringing together key partners to drive strategic change. The work of the Board will be delivered through a Central Co-located Unit made up of partner committed resource including Police, Youth Offending Teams.

As part of the Violence and Vulnerability programme Essex County Fire and Rescue Service will deliver specific Firebreak courses. Firebreaks are early intervention activity that engages those most vulnerable to the threat of violence

and its associated activity to engage in a well-established evaluated programme that supports resilience building, educates on the dangers and provides key role models

4. Background and proposal

The Home Office Early Intervention Youth Fund was created following the government's commitment within the serious violence strategy. £22 million was made available for PCCs to apply.

The aims of the fund are;

- delivering services to support and prevent young people from getting involved in crime by supporting positive activities
- delivering positive outcomes for young people, focused on addressing risk factors which are linked to serious violence
- building on, and developing, our understanding of what works in practice for tackling these risks factors
- driving improved local, multi-agency partnership working; and most crucially
- reducing the levels of serious violence and crime

The office of the PFCC with community safety partners developed and were successful in an application to the fund. Essex will be given £664,000 to help tackle the complex issues of serious violence, youth exploitation and drug gangs.

Using the established ECF&RS Firebreak brand we will commission 10 Firebreaks which will provide coverage across all Community Safety Partnership districts focussing on the impact of Violence through Gangs and associated themes including criminal exploitation. £40,000 funding will be allocated as pass ported funds from the Home Office, Early Intervention Youth Fund.

5. Police and Crime Plan

This funding supports the Police and Crime plan priority to tackle gangs and organised crime

6. Police Operational Implications

There is no direct operational impact on Essex Police as a result of this bid but by intervening early and preventing harm and abuse it is the ambition of this project to reduce demand on the Police.

7. Financial Implications

The PFCC will allocate a one off grant of £40,000 to Essex County Fire and Rescue Service with funding allocated from the Home Office Early Intervention Young Fund

8. Legal Implications

The award of the grant is subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement.

9. Staffing and other resource implications

There are no staffing and resource implications

10. Equality and Diversity implications

There are no direct equality and diversity implications.

Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign:

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PFCC/~~Deputy~~ PFCC

Date signed:

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K. C. Hines
28 November 2018

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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