

## PFCC Decision Report

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<b>Report reference number: 174/18</b>
<b>Classification</b> Not protectively marked
<b>Title of report:</b> Neighbourhood Watch Guides and signage
<b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected:</b> Countywide
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<b>Date of report:</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2019
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**1. Purpose of report**

To seek approval for the allocation of £4365 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the 2018-19 Community Safety Fund to Essex Neighbourhood Watch Association, whose activities will contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan for Essex.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. To seek approval to pay £4365 Essex Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) to contribute towards Essex county Neighbourhood Watch Members Guides and to support NHW signage specifically to be located around Chigwell at a total cost to the PFCC of £4365.

**3. Benefits of Proposal**

To support Essex Neighbourhood Watch with their on-going work to increase coverage, integration and mobilisation of the Essex NhW. In turn, this will reduce local crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour and provide reassurance to the public that the police will work with them in crime prevention and detection

**4. Background and proposal**

Neighbourhood watch is where people come together to make their communities safer and stronger and encourage people to look out for each other.

The aims of Neighbourhood watch are;

- It's a free, confidential service and it is up to you how involved you want to be

- To reduce opportunities for crime by deterring would be thieves and vandals
- To establish a community spirit so that everyone can contribute to the property by mutual co-operation
- To inform the Police of any suspicious activity
- To make members more aware of local crime problems and be more security conscious about their homes and property
- To encourage neighbourliness

The proposal for guides and signage will support NHW to increase the awareness that NHW is operating in each district and to deter criminal behaviour. The guides specifically will provide clear understanding and awareness to new NHW members on the purpose and the role of NHW.

**5. Police and Crime Plan**

Essex County Neighbourhood watch activities contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan specifically priority 1 more local, visible and accessible policing by supporting increased participation in Neighbourhood watch.

**6. Police Operational Implications**

No direct operational implications

**7. Financial Implications**

OPFCC will fund a one off contribution of £4,365 from the 2018-19 Community Safety Fund to Essex County Neighbourhood Watch (ECNW).

**8. Legal Implications**

The grant is subject to the PFCC's Standard funding agreement.

**9. Staffing and other resource implications**

No staffing implications.

**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: [Signature].....

Print: P. Best - Highwood.....

Date: 7 December 2018.....

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Sign: [Signature].....

Print: ABCC - GAA.....

Date: 12/12/18.....

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Chief Executive/Treasurer  
Date signed: .....

**Decision and Final Sign Off**

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: *J. Gardner* .....

Print: *JANE GARDNER* .....

**PFCC/Deputy PFCC**

Date signed: *14 December 2018* .....

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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Sign: .....

Print: .....

**PFCC/Deputy PFCC**

Date signed: .....