

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Sanctus Charity evening sessions
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Chelmsford
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1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for the allocation of up to £25,000 to support Sanctus Charity in extending their support services during Winter

2. Recommendations

Approve the allocation of up to £25,000 to the Sanctus Charity from the Community Safety Fund 2018-19

3. Benefits of Proposal

Sanctus extended afternoon sessions will provide the following benefits;

- To allow service users the chance to recover from their experiences of homelessness, drug or alcohol use, possibly even imprisonment and the isolation and devastating impact that these things have on each individual's existence.
- To support service users in gaining life skills, confidence and work skills.
- To provide a safe, warm environment and keep service users off the streets.

Sanctus has been supporting the most vulnerable in afternoon sessions for several years and further funding will support the significant increase in the amount of service users taking advantage of the afternoon sessions.

Sanctus have seen a significant increase in those individuals that are vulnerable and homeless who are from Essex but have also increasingly seen an influx of newly homeless individuals, often from out of the area. These individuals are unsupported by the council and often exempt from support by Chess

(Chelmsford Homelessness support and shelter) as they are not from Chelmsford. This is where the Sanctus quiet 1:1 afternoon sessions have come into their own by providing the much-needed help and support in terms of phone calls, emails and letter writing to help these individuals and if necessary provide a "safe" space for the service users to hold meetings with other organisations who can help them further.

4. Background and proposal

Sanctus is a charity that supports the Homeless and most vulnerable in Chelmsford. Sanctus offers a free cafe and day space providing a home cooked hot meal to all the Homeless and Vulnerable people in Chelmsford 7 days per week. For 5 of these afternoons they offer Projects of enrichment activities and drop in sessions to help service users engage in addressing their problems head on, staying safe, warm and away from trouble whilst participating in enjoyable activities that will stimulate, interest and benefit them personally and holistically.

Sanctus plans to continue extending its opening times for five afternoons a week until 5pm. This additional time will be used to continue to offer an additional range of enrichment activities and drop in sessions.

Two years ago we averaged 40 individuals visiting our cafe daily, last year that number increased to 60-78 and this winter we anticipate numbers to be 70-100. From the figures our afternoon visitors (between 2.30-5pm) has increased from an initial average of 9-10 individuals to 20-22 last year to now up to 30 attendees

To continue to provide the extended opening times and to support the increased demand it is proposed to provide Sanctus £25,000.

5. Police and Crime Plan

This funding supports the Police and Crime plan priority to protect children and vulnerable people

6. Police Operational Implications

There is no operational impact

7. Financial Implications

The PFCC will allocate a one off grant of £25,000 to Sanctus Charity from the Community Safety Fund 2018-19 to cover 2019/20, plus winter uplift.

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.

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. Sec. Treasurer*
Date: *12 December 2018*

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Sign: *[Signature]*
Print: *ABCC Treasurer*
Date: *12/12/18*

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1. Of Decision Sheet YES NO
2. Of Appendix YES 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 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:

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PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: