

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Violence and Vulnerability: Southend Interventions
Area of county / stakeholders affected: Southend
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1. Purpose of the report

To seek approval for the allocation of up to £45,000 to Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (Southend Community Safety Partnership) to support prevention activity against serious youth violence.

2. Recommendations

Approve the allocation of up to £45,000 to Southend-on-Sea Council (Southend Community Safety Partnership) from the 2018/19 PFCC Community Safety Fund and pass-ported funding from the Home Office Early Intervention Fund.

3. Benefits of the 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

To deliver against the Violence and Vulnerability Framework we need to have interventions that support young people and have workforces able to recognise windows of opportunity to intervene with young people on the occasion they encounter services.

In specific response to this Southend Community Safety Partnership are working together and have a number of projects that support this agenda including

- Diversionary activity in local Pupil Referral unit with those already identified as involved with exploitation

- Additional diversionary activities including education awareness with those at risk of becoming involved at primary school age
- Coordinator who will work with Essex Police and other local organisations e.g. housing and social care to work with young adults involved in exploitation. Ensuring that the individual has wrap around support to divert away from activity

4. Background and proposal

The Home Office Early Intervention Youth Fund (EIYF) 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 has been given £664,000 to help tackle the complex issues of serious violence, youth exploitation and drug gangs.

A proportion of monies received was to provide additional funding to existing programmes in order to upscale outreach support work with vulnerable young people in the community. This provision will be in place whilst the evaluation is underway of all services and whilst Essex procures a service in Year 2. In addition to this further funding was identified to support a coordinator role to support delivery of the Violence and Vulnerability activity.

Southend on Sea have identified opportunities for the funding to support the below projects;

- £20,000 – Increase in diversionary activities in ^{the} pupil referral unit and those at primary age at risk.
- £25,000 - Coordinator who will work with Essex Police and other local organisations e.g. housing and social care to work with young adults involved in exploitation.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

The funding allocated was agreed previously with community safety partners and the PFCC. We are required to use the funding as set out in the original Home Office application.

The alternative is to not use this funding at all. If this was the case we would need to return the funds at the end of the financial year 18/19. This is not a viable option as Tackling Gangs and Organised Crime and Protecting children and vulnerable people from harm are priorities within the Police and Crime Plan. Funding is required to support our Community Safety Partners deliver against these priorities.

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6. Police and Crime Plan

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

7. Police operational implications

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

8. Financial implications

The PFCC will allocate a one-off grant of £45,000 to Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (Community Safety Partnership). Grant allocations will be funded from;

£39,000	2018-19 Home Office Early Intervention Youth Fund
£6,000	2018-19 PFCC Community Safety Fund

9. Legal implications

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

10. Staffing implications

Any recruitment or employment liabilities associated with this project will rest with Southend CSP. The PFCC is not liable for any associated ongoing staff costs in relation to this grant.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

There are no direct equality and diversity implications.

12. Risks

There are no identified risks associated with this proposal

13. Governance Boards

The Home Office Early Intervention Youth Fund application was submitted and approved through the Office of the PFCC with the support of Chief Execs and Leaders of Essex. Safer Essex is the forum through which stakeholders are kept abreast of developments in relation to this bid and the violence and vulnerability agenda more broadly.

The Southend Community Safety Partnership have also approved the projects for which this funding will be allocated

The newly created Violence and Vulnerability Strategic Group will have oversight of the use of the EIYF funding and the strategic direction of this agenda.

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: Phillip [Signature]

Print: P. Beesley

Date: 15 March 2019

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign: [Signature]

Print: Alice G. G.

Date: 15.3.19

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