

## PFCC Decision Report

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<b>Report reference number:</b> 031/19
<b>Classification</b> Not protectively marked
<b>Title of report:</b> Neighbourhood Watch street signs & guides
<b>Area of county / stakeholders affected:</b> Countywide
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### 1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To approve an allocation of an additional grant to Essex Neighbourhood Watch for the purchase of street signs.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of £2,205 to Essex Neighbourhood Watch to support their awareness raising campaign.

### 3. Benefits of the proposal

- 3.1. This grant will allow Essex Neighbourhood Watch to purchase additional street signs to publicise that an area is part of a neighbourhood watch scheme. It will also fund the production of 8,000 new members' guides which welcome new members and support them to get involved in their community.
- 3.2. The street signs use the easily identifiable and familiar Neighbourhood Watch logo to deter criminals, and reassure communities. Along with the members' guides, the signs will support the aims of Neighbourhood Watch;
  - To reduce opportunities for crime by deterring would-be offenders
  - To establish a community spirit so that everyone can contribute to an area by mutual co-operation
  - To inform Essex 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

- To offer a free, confidential service which allows members to be as involved as they want to be

#### **4. Background and proposal**

- 4.1. Neighbourhood Watch is a community-based organisation of volunteers who come together to make their communities safer and stronger and encourage local residents to look out for each other.
- 4.2. Essex County Neighbourhood Watch is seeking £2,205 to purchase street signs and member guides which raise awareness of neighbourhood watch schemes, deter criminals and provide community reassurance.

#### **5. Alternative options considered and rejected**

- 5.1. No alternative options considered.

#### **6. Police and Crime Plan**

- 6.1. This campaign supports the priority to provide local, visible, accessible policing, and cracking down on anti-social behaviour.

#### **7. Police operational implications**

- 7.1. No operational implications

#### **8. Financial implications**

- 8.1. The PFCC would make a one-off grant payment of £2,205 to Essex Neighbourhood Watch to purchase street signs and member guides. This grant would be allocated from the PFCC's 2018-19 Community Safety Fund and subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreements.

#### **9. Legal implications**

- 9.1. No legal implications

#### **10. Staffing implications**

- 10.1. No staffing implications

#### **11. Equality and Diversity implications**

- 11.1. No D&E implications

#### **12. Risks**

- 12.1. No associated risks.

#### **13. Governance Boards**

- 13.1. The PFCC regularly attends, and provides funding for the Neighbourhood Watch annual conference.

#### **14. Background papers**

n/a

**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].....

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Date: 2 April 2019.....

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign: [Signature].....

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Date: 02 / 04 / 2019.....

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Chief Executive/Treasurer

**Decision and Final Sign Off**

I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: J Gardner .....

Print: JANE GARDNER .....

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 2 APRIL 2019 .....

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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Date signed: .....