

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Changing Lives in Harlow
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Harlow
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1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for the allocation of £10,000 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to Changing Lives in Harlow. The activities of Changing Lives will contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan for Essex.

2. Recommendations

To seek approval of £10,000 to Changing Lives in Harlow who will deliver their early intervention and prevention project aimed at raising children's awareness about the dangers of gangs and gang activity.

3. Benefits of Proposal

Changing Lives' objective is to create social, sporting and work experiences that will install confidence and motivation for children providing them with opportunities and pathways towards a positive future.

The project will:

- Make young people aware of the risks of joining gangs, carrying drugs and knives
- Make young people aware of the risks of joining gangs and offer educational workshops, 1-1 mentoring and learning pathways.

4. Background and proposal

The Changing Lives Project was set up in June 2018 by a partnership formed between David Simmons (Flick Trick Sports) and Ben Doyle (SK Sports). They

both work across different schools in Harlow and have seen the lack of positive activity and participation in sports by young people, combined with the increased risk across the town of crime, gangs and anti-social behaviour. To tackle the issues they came together and developed the project

The aim of the project is to get young people who are vulnerable to criminal exploitation into new sports and offer them opportunities & learning pathways to teach the key values. This is done through free sports taster sessions combined with an hour of mentoring and behavioural insight. Sports are allocated based on a young person's needs. The sports have been varied utilising local sporting groups such as Kazen Kai Martial Arts, Angling, Harlow Rugby club, SK Sports and Flick Trick Sports delivering fun and engaging activities. Changing Lives have seen success with their pilot aimed at 8-11 year old children. The plan is to develop this further and engage young people aged 13-19. A venue has been identified in Harlow and over the next 12 months, 3 sessions a week will be held engaging young people in sports and educational activity.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

The alternative option is not to support this project. Not supporting will reduce Changing Lives' capacity to deliver the project to young people in Harlow.

6. Police and Crime Plan

Changing Lives' project will contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan specifically priority 2, crack down on anti-social behaviour and priority 5, tackling gangs and organised crime.

7. Police Operational Implications

No direct operational implications

8. Financial Implications

OPFCC will fund a one off contribution of £10,000 from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to Changing Lives in Harlow.

9. Legal Implications

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

10. Staffing and other resource implications

No staffing implications.

11. Risks

There are no risks identified

12. Governance Boards

As a community project, this proposal has not been to any governance boards.

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 Brown

Print: P. Brown

Date: 1 May 2019

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Sign: [Signature]

Print: Arben Goga

Date: 1/5/19

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I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: JLG Gardner
Print: JANE GARDNER

~~PFCC~~ Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 1/5/2019

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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