

PFCC Decision Report

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<p>Classification Not protectively marked</p>
<p>Title of report: Only Cowards Carry Weapons awareness</p>
<p>Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Countywide</p>
<p>Report by : Kirsty Smith</p> <p>Date of report: 28th March 2019</p> <p>Enquiries to: Kirsty.smith@essex.pnn.police.uk</p>

1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for the allocation of £25,000 from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to Only Cowards Carry

2. Recommendations

Approve the allocation of a £25,000 grant from the PFCC's 20^{19/20}~~18/19~~ Community Safety Fund to Only Cowards Carry to support the organisation to prevent and raise awareness of knife crime in Essex.

3. Benefits of Proposal

Only Cowards Carry has placed an additional eight amnesty bins across the county, bringing the total to 14 amnesty bins across Essex. The amnesty bin campaign since its conception has collected over 47,715 weapons.

The organisation's awareness campaign has delivered over 150 workshops to young people in Essex on the dangers of carrying weapons.

Only Cowards Carry has a strong public media presence and is able to have a wide reach in promoting weapon awareness and preventing further harm from weapons in Essex.

4. Background and proposal

Only Cowards Carry Weapons Awareness Ltd is a registered charity formed in 2012. It was established by local community members in response to the fatal stabbing of Jay Whiston in September 2012. The aims of the charity are to educate and raise awareness of the dangers and consequences of knives and

weapons as well as other subjects including gang culture, drugs and alcohol misuse and bullying that can lead to the development of violent crime.

The charity continues to build on its very successful Knife Amnesty Campaign that has seen amnesty bins placed around Essex.

The charity also has many volunteers that support the delivery of educating young people in Essex by attending school assemblies and community events.

The proposal is to provide funding to Only Cowards Carry to support core organisational costs that include funding towards salaries in order to continue to deliver this work across Essex.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

The alternative option is not to support this project. Not supporting it would reduce Only Cowards Carry's capacity to raise awareness of knife crime and reduce its capacity to maintain the amnesty bins across the county.

6. Police and Crime Plan

Only Cowards Carry supports the PFCC's priority to reverse the trend in serious violence specifically by delivering education and community programmes to help prevent knife crime.

7. Police Operational Implications

No direct operational policing implications

8. Financial Implications

The OPFCC will fund a one off contribution of £25,000 from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to Only Cowards Carry Weapons Awareness Limited.

9. Legal Implications

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

10. Staffing and other resource implications

There are 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.

Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: J Gardner

Print: JANE GARDNER

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 28 MAY 2019

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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Sign:

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PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: