

PFCC Decision Report

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| Report reference number: 069/19 |
| Classification Not protectively marked |
| Title of report: Neighbourhood Watch additional funding |
| Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Countywide |
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1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for the allocation of £1,800 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to Essex Neighbourhood Watch Association, whose activities will contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan for Essex.

2. Recommendations

To seek approval for the allocation of £1,800 to Essex Neighbourhood Watch Association to provide additional support for incidentals that occur including support for additional street signs, welcome packs and information / promotional material.

3. Benefits of Proposal

Neighbourhood Watch is where people come together to make their communities safer and stronger and encourage people to look out for each other.

The aims of Neighbourhood Watch are:

- It's a free, confidential service and it is up to you how involved you want to be
- To reduce opportunities for crime by deterring would be thieves and vandals
- To establish a community spirit so that everyone can contribute to the property by mutual co-operation
- To inform the 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

4. Background and proposal

The PFCC has previously supported Neighbourhood Watch as follows:

- (031/19) £2,205 for Neighbourhood Watch street signs
- (173/18) £11,000 for Neighbourhood Watch core funding

Following discussions, a further request for funding was received to support the 14 Neighbourhood Watch districts with the purchasing of promotional awareness materials and other incidentals throughout the 2019/20 financial year.

It is proposed that the PFCC increases the allocation to Neighbourhood Watch by £1,800 in order to provide funding totalling just over £15,000. The additional funds will allow the Essex Neighbourhood Watch Chairman to allocate funding to districts in need of additional promotional material and any other incidentals that may occur.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

The alternative is to review and grant fund individual requests from Neighbourhood Watch districts throughout the financial year. This would require disproportionate resource to administer against the value of funding required on each request. The PFCC has supported Neighbourhood Watch and has valued its contribution to supporting the Police and Crime Plan priorities.

6. Police and Crime Plan

Essex County Neighbourhood Watch activities contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan specifically priority 1 (more local, visible and accessible policing).

7. Police Operational Implications

No direct operational implications

8. Financial Implications

The PFCC will fund a one off contribution of £1,800 from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to Essex County Neighbourhood Watch (ECNW)

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

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: [Signature]
Print: P. BRANT-JACOBSON
Date: 24 JUNE 2019

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Sign: [Signature]
Print: ABBY GAUGH
Date: 25/6/19

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

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Sign:
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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: 25 June 2019

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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Sign:

Print:

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: