

PCC Decision Report

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Report reference number: 0071/17
Classification Not Protectively Marked
Title of report: Chelmsford SOS bus
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Chelmsford
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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 CSDF to Open Road Visions a registered charity whose activities will contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan for Essex.

2. Recommendations

Approve the allocation of the CSDF grant to support Open Road Visions to purchase and convert a vehicle into the Chelmsford SOS Bus. This will help to reduce the negative impact of excessive alcohol consumption on the night time economy and emergency services.

3. Benefits of Proposal

The Chelmsford SOS bus will help and support the reduction of crime and anti-social behaviour by working alongside the Police, door staff, street pastors in the Night time economy. It will provide a safe haven for young people and vulnerable adults to receive medical support, advice and information. Providing medical attention will reduce the stresses on health services such as the East of England Ambulance Service and Accident & emergency at the Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford.

4. Background and proposal

The proposal is for the purchase and conversion of a purpose built vehicle to enable a secure and safe environment positioned in Chelmsford City Centre. This will then be used to support vulnerable adults and combat the negative impact of the night time economy on Friday and Saturday nights.

The project has been piloted over the last 18 months with Chelmsford City Council and Open Road Vision. A converted ambulance is currently being used which has been able to support a limited number of people. The pilot has seen good success and refurbishing a new vehicle will help this service be sustainable and enhance its future provision.

There are existing SOS buses across the country in Basildon and Colchester that have seen success in combatting anti-social behaviour and supporting vulnerable adults in the night time economy.

The programme has strong support from the Essex County Council and Chelmsford City Council.

5. Police and Crime Plan

Supports priorities in the Police and Crime Plan as follows

- Crack down on Anti-Social Behaviour – Tackle anti-social behaviour to prevent longer term more serious crime
- Protecting Children and vulnerable people from harm – Support those with mental health, alcohol and drug misuse issues, intervening early to prevent harm and divert away from the Criminal Justice System.

6. Police Operational Implications

The proposal will help support anti-social behaviour in the night time economy reducing the impact on Essex Police time.

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7. Financial Implications

OPCC will fund a one off contribution of £10,000 to Open Road from the 2017-2018 CSDF.

The proposal is being match funded by local partners

Fowler Smith & Jones	£2,000
Essex County Council	£17,460.50
Chelmsford City Council	£17,460.50

8. Legal Implications

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

9. Staffing and other resource implications

There are no staffing and resource implications

10. Equality and Diversity implications

There are no equality and diversity implications

11. Background papers

N/A

Report Approval

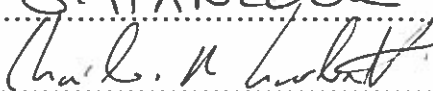
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Chief Executive/M.O

Sign: 

Print: S. HANCOCK

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Sign: 

Print: CHARLES K LAMBERT

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YES

NO

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1. Of Decision Sheet YES NO

2. Of Appendix YES NO

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Chief Executive/Treasurer

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Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: Jane Gardner

Print: JANE GARDNER

PCC/Deputy PCC

Date signed: 5 July 2017

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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