

## PFCC Decision Report

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<b>Report reference number:</b> 072/19
<b>Classification:</b> Not Protectively Marked
<b>Title of report:</b> Violence and Vulnerability Unit Budget
<b>Area of county / stakeholders affected:</b> Countywide
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**1. Purpose of the report**

To seek approval of up to £20,000 from the Community Safety Fund which will be allocated for use by the Violence and Vulnerability Unit in order to deliver activity to support work to tackle serious youth violence.

**2. Recommendations**

Approve the allocation of up to £20,000 for use by the Violence and Vulnerability Unit from the 2019/20 PFCC Community Safety Fund.

**3. Benefits of the proposal**

Over recent years serious violence and its associated harm has become an increasing priority for criminal justice and community safety partners in Essex. This initiated a partnership project that culminated in the development of the countywide Violence and Vulnerability (V&V) Framework.

To deliver against the Violence and Vulnerability Framework, activity is taking place across the county to prevent and intervene early in response to the threat of serious violence. In order to deliver against the framework a new Violence and Vulnerability Unit is in operation. The unit brings multiple agencies / organisations together in order to tackle the problem together.

The activity planned by the Violence and Vulnerability Unit involves engagement with public and third sector to raise awareness and to deliver joint operations. The allocated budget will be used for incidental expenditure for these activities.

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

In response to the Violence and Vulnerability Framework a new Violence and Vulnerability Unit was created in order for organisations to respond collaboratively to tackling serious violence.

The Unit has established some key areas of activity. To support this activity it is proposed that £20,000 will be allocated to the Violence and Vulnerability Unit for incidental expenditure. This budget will allow the Violence and Vulnerability Unit to engage communities, engage third sector organisations and to deliver joint operations in order to raise awareness of and tackle serious violence. Incidental expenditure costs can include but are not limited to:

- Food and drink costs – Teas / coffees for any awareness events / workshops
- Third sector organisations' expenses / time – To recognise the value of third sector organisations which have experience engaging with harder to reach communities and / or which have established platforms to raise awareness
- Awareness raising material – Leaflets, poster and support packs are examples of material that would be required to support any awareness events

The Violence and Vulnerability Project Manager will manage the budget. The Project Manager will be responsible for the allocation of the funding and will ensure funding is used to increase the effectiveness of the Violence and Vulnerability Unit.

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

To ensure the effectiveness of planned activity by the Violence and Vulnerability Unit no other alternatives are available for consideration.

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

This funding supports the Police and Crime Plan priority to tackle gangs and organised crime

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

Essex Police is a key organisation within the Violence and Vulnerability Unit. The budget for incidental expenditure will support joint operations.

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

The PFCC will allocate a one-off grant of £20,000 from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund. The Violence and Vulnerability Project Manager will be responsible for the management of budget.

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

There are no legal implications.

**10. Staffing implications**

There are no direct staffing implications

**11. Equality and Diversity implications**

There are no direct equality and diversity implications.

**12. Risks**

There are no identified risks associated with this proposal

**13. Governance Boards**

The newly created Violence and Vulnerability Strategic Group will have oversight of the Violence and Vulnerability activity.

**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. Grant.....

Date: 26 June 2019.....

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign: [Signature].....

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Date: 27.6.19.....

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Chief Executive/Treasurer



