

## PFCC Decision Report

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<b>Report reference number: 074/19</b>
<b>Classification</b> Not protectively marked
<b>Title of report:</b> Colchester United – United against Knife Crime Programme
<b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected:</b> Colchester
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### 1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for the allocation of £9,775 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to Colchester United. The activities of Colchester United's Community Team will contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan for Essex.

### 2. Recommendations

To seek approval for the allocation of £9,775 to Colchester United, which will deliver its United against Knife Crime Programme to raise awareness and prevent young people from engaging in serious violence.

### 3. Benefits of Proposal

Colchester United's mission is "to enrich the lives of the people within the communities we operate in through physical education and the brand of Colchester United". Utilising the brand of Colchester United, it has the ability to engage young people and provide community safety messages.

Colchester United developed the United against Knife Crime Project. The project aims:

- To increase awareness of the dangers of knife crime
- To help participants realise the effect that knife crime has within our communities
- To empower participants in making better choices and increasing awareness of local support agencies available

- To work with partners to signpost participants to appropriate organisations to continue prevention work

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

Colchester United received funding from the Home Office to deliver the United against Knife Crime project.

The project is a schools project that engages young people aged 9-18. The project offers guidance and support for young people who may be concerned by or have been affected by knife crime.

So far, the project has:

- Delivered 173 sessions
- Engaged over 6000 young people
- Engaged 19 schools

The Home Office funding is due to end in April 2019. The PFCC recognises the value of the well-established brand of Colchester United and also the positive feedback and the outcomes that this project is receiving. It is therefore proposed to provide additional funding to Colchester United in order to continue delivering the United against Knife Crime programme. £9,775 will ensure the project continues to deliver to a further 3500 young people.

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

The United against Knife Crime Programme had been funded by the Home Office and is due to end in April 2019.

The alternative option is not to support the project. This option was rejected as the successful programme supports the Police and Crime Plan priorities and particularly supports the activity to tackle serious youth violence in Essex.

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

Colchester United will contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan specifically the priority to tackle gangs and organised crime

#### **7. Police Operational Implications**

There are no direct operational implications

#### **8. Financial Implications**

The PFCC will fund a one off contribution of £9,775 from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to Colchester United.

#### **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.

**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. Deane-McEwen  
Date: 26 June 2019

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Sign: [Signature]  
Print: ASBEN GORON  
Date: 27/6/19

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Chief Executive/Treasurer  
Date signed: .....

**Decision and Final Sign Off**

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: Jane Gardner .....

Print: JANE GARDNER .....

PECC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 27 JUNE 2019 .....

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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Sign: .....

Print: .....

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: .....

