

PCC Decision Report

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Report reference number: 076/17
Classification Not protectively marked
Title of report: Only Cowards Carry – Speciality Equipment
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for the allocation of £500 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the CSDF to Only Cowards Carry Weapons, whose activities will contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan for Essex.

2. Recommendations

Approve the allocation of the CSF grant to support Only Cowards Carry Weapons to purchase speciality gloves in order to be able to empty and service the knife amnesty bins.

3. Benefits of Proposal

Only Cowards Carry Weapons (OCC) is a countywide organisation that supplies amnesty bins to facilitate the removal of knives, blades and other weapons from Essex communities. OCC also deliver awareness raising and educational programmes to encourage young people to recognise and understand the risks around carrying knives.

Over 6,000 knives have been deposited in the amnesty bins across Essex, and taken off of the streets.

4. Background and proposal

The Knife Amnesty was launched in June 2015 due to the continuous increase in Knife Crime incidents. Knife amnesty bins were first launched in Clacton on Sea in 2014. Because of the success of this initiative, it was decided to roll out Amnesty Bins throughout Essex. To date knife amnesty bins have been rolled out in Clacton, Colchester, Braintree, Chelmsford, Southend-on-Sea, Harlow and Basildon.

The amnesty scheme encourages people to dispose of their blades before they can be used in violent attacks. The bins are a proactive and preventative measure to make Essex streets safer and have been supported financially and in media events by Essex Police and the PCC.

To empty and service these bins across the county require speciality safety equipment to mitigate the risk of injury or harm.

5. Police and Crime Plan

This proposal supports priority 4 from the Police and Crime plan; reversing the trend of serious crime by delivering community programmes to help prevent knife crime

6. Police Operational Implications

No police operational implications

7. Financial Implications

OPCC will fund a one off contribution of £500 to Only Cowards Carry Weapons from the 2017-2018 Community Safety Fund

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 or resource implications

10. Equality and Diversity implications

There are no equality and diversity implications

11. Background papers

n/a

Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the OPCC Chief Executive and Treasurer, prior to review and sign off by the PCC / DPCC .

AD Commissioning

Sign: 

Print: G. MYDELTON

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Chief Executive/Treasurer

Date signed:

Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: 

Print: JANE GARDNER

PCC/Deputy PCC

Date signed: 21.09.2017

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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