

PFCC Decision Report

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Classification: Not Protectively Marked
Title of report: Kick Off @ 3 additional funding
Area of county / stakeholders affected: Thurrock
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1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of an additional £500 to Essex Police to support the Kick Off @ 3 event

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of an additional £500 to Essex Police from the 2019/20 PFCC Community Safety Fund

3. Benefits of the proposal

- 3.1. The following organisational benefits have been reviewed and assessed as part of this proposal:

1. Confidence and Satisfaction

The local policing area of Thurrock attracts one of the lowest scores across the county for public confidence and satisfaction, as demonstrated in the most recent public survey. It is anticipated that confidence levels within Thurrock and in the wider force area have an opportunity to increase as a result of this project.

Kick Off @ 3 was first trialled in the London Borough of Barnet and, together with its key engagement activities, increased performance against local confidence and engagement satisfaction indicators within the local community and considerably within local BAME communities.

2. **Visible Engagement**
The structure of this initiative means that the community and wider communities (through media and communication campaigns) will see, feel and hear how local police officers have engaged with the local community of Thurrock on a grass-roots level. This initiative will see police officers running the tournaments and engaging with the young participants, showing a different type of engagement.
3. **Serious Youth Violence and Gang Diversion**
This initiative meets the requirements of an effective diversionary tactic, and has been adopted by the Metropolitan Police Service as an example of best practice in terms of community engagement and gang diversion activity. There are options available within this initiative to enhance its focus by working with key stakeholders, such as the youth offending service, to divert low to medium risk young people who are at risk of exploitation (gangs); as an early intervention tactic to prevent those who are on the periphery of criminality, or as an option to engage with and reduce instances of young people regularly missing from home, by getting them into employment, training or activity routines.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. KickOff@3 is a collaborative initiative set up by a community and youth engagement officer in the Metropolitan Police Service and a CEO who runs a social inclusion organisation that delivers free initiatives in the London Borough of Barnet. The group is a registered non-profit organisation. The initiative strives to engage with young people, using sport, music and other imaginative ideas to spread awareness and break down traditional barriers between the police service and hard-to-reach communities. The project engages with young people through the mediums of sports and music and raises awareness and funds for a range of charities that promote health and well-being in young people.
- 4.2. Essex Police's Thurrock team would like to follow on from the success of the Metropolitan Police Service and trial the initiative in Thurrock. Through football, Essex Police wants to hold a local 7-a-side tournament. The local tournament will be for both boys and girls aged 13 to 14 years old and 15 to 16 years old. Both age groups must have their own tournament but they must be held on the same day and at the same venue. The winners of each tournament will qualify for the KickOff@3 Finale at the end of the initiative's year.
- 4.3. In order to deliver the event, Essex Police originally sought £1,000 to cover medals, trophies, and transport to the finale for the winning teams as well as other ancillary items. This was approved by the PFCC in decision sheet 025/19.
- 4.4. Further to decision 025/19 being agreed, the organisers have confirmed the final pricing for the event. A further £500 is required to ensure the safety, smooth running and professionalism of the event. Additional funding will be used to fund a Football Association qualified referee and a qualified football coach to support the young people on the day.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

- 5.1. This is a community event and, if the PFCC does not support the initiative, the organisers will need to obtain other sources of funding to proceed.
- 5.2. There are no alternative projects known in Thurrock that look to achieve outcomes which improve engagement with Essex Police and are used as a diversionary activity.

6. Police and Crime Plan

- 6.1. This project supports the Police and Crime Plan priorities to deliver more local, visible and accessible policing and to tackle gangs and organised crime, as this is an early intervention initiative for young people

7. Police operational implications

- 7.1 The Thurrock District Commander for Essex Police is leading on this piece of work. As an engagement event, it will require Essex Police resource however the Commander is managing this.

8. Financial implications

- 8.1 The PFCC will allocate a one-off grant of £500 from the 2019/20 CSF to Essex Police.

9. Legal implications

- 9.1 The award of the grant is subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement.

10. Staffing implications

- 10.1 There are no staffing implications

11. Equality and Diversity implications

- 11.1 There are no direct equality and diversity implications.

12. Risks

- 12.1 There are no identified risks associated with this proposal

13. Governance Boards

- 13.1 As a small funding request for a community project, this is not applicable to any governance boards.

14. Background papers

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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: [Handwritten Signature]

Print: P. Best - M. O'Connell

Date: 27 June 2019

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

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Print: ASBEN GOUGH

Date: 27/6/19

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Sign: *R. C. Hirst*

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PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: *27/6/19*

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