

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: 2019-21 Horizons project (Tendring)
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Tendring
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of 2x £45,000 crime and disorder reduction grants from the 2019-20 & 2020-21 Community Safety Fund to Phoenix Futures to continue to deliver the Horizons project in Tendring until 2021.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To provide funding of £90,000 from the 2019-20 & 2020-21 Community Safety Fund to deliver the Essex Horizons project in Tendring.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. The Horizons project has now been established in a number of areas across Essex. The model is based on the SMD pilot originally run in Chelmsford in 2016-17. The project is delivered by Phoenix Futures whose practitioners work with a range of public and voluntary sector organisations to identify and engage with a cohort of 10 individuals who meet the criteria of offending, being homeless, and having substance misuse issues. These individuals are often found to be difficult to engage by statutory services, and are amongst the most complex and high-need members of society. As a result they place significant pressure on public sector organisations such as housing, police, physical/mental health, and substance misuse services.
- 3.2. By engaging with, and supporting these individuals, the project aims to;
- Reduce offending behaviour
 - Decrease use of substances
 - Improve housing situation
 - Increase health and wellbeing

3.3. The pilot has operated successfully in Tendring since its launch in 2018 with some significant successes including getting some members of the cohort housed and into employment

4. Background and proposal

4.1. This is a continuation of the successful pilot of the SMD project (now renamed Horizons) in Tendring which was the subject of decision sheet 050/18. The Horizons project is being delivered in Chelmsford, Colchester, Tendring, Epping Forest, Braintree, Basildon and will soon be expanded to include Castle Point and Rochford. Funding for the project is provided by Essex County Council, PFCC and the Department for Work and Pensions.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

5.1. The PFCC has the option not to allocate this funding but there is evidence of the positive impact of this project and it fits with the priorities of the police and crime plan as well as the agendas of key groups such as Safer Essex, the Reducing Reoffending Board and the Criminal Justice Board.

6. Police and Crime Plan

6.1. This project supports the Police and Crime Plan priorities to crack down on anti-social behaviour and protect vulnerable people from harm. It is also a good example of partnership working, which is a key strand within the Plan.

7. Police Operational Implications

7.1. The pilot project has had a positive impact in reducing emergency responses from Essex Police and improving engagement with the Horizons cohort.

8. Financial Implications

8.1. The PFCC will provide two grants of £45,000 from the 2019-20 & 2020-21 Community Safety Fund to Phoenix Futures to deliver this project until end-March 2021.

9. Legal Implications

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

10. Staffing and other resource implications

10.1. No staffing implications

11. Equality and Diversity implications

11.1. None

12. Risks

12.1. There are no risks identified

13. Governance Boards

13.1. The Horizons project in Tendring has an operational group and is managed by the Integrated Health and Justice group as well as feeding into the Reducing Reoffending Board.

14. Background documents

14.1. n/a

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

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Date: 23 AUGUST 2019.....

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

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Date: 28/8/19.....

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