

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Business Crime Strategy Development
Area of county / stakeholders affected: Businesses countywide
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1. Purpose of the report

To seek approval for the proposed Business Crime Strategy development process.

2. Recommendations

Agree the Business Crime Strategy development process and the associated costs.

3. Benefits of the proposal

The proposal will help provide greater strategic direction for the Business Crime Team once it is established in early 2020; will promote crime prevention activity among businesses, and further strengthen engagement with the business community.

4. Background and proposal

The PFCC, in the 2016 - 2020 Police and Crime Plan, committed to "strengthening engagement with local businesses to prevent crime and to help the local economy to thrive".

To deliver against this commitment, the Commissioner and his team established and grew a number of key strategic relationships with businesses and business representation groups, including the Essex Chamber of Commerce.

This led to the development in 2018 of the Business Crime Strategic Board, chaired by the Essex Chamber of Commerce, with membership drawn from anchor businesses from across Essex and also including Essex Police and the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.

This development coincided with the decision to establish a Business Crime Team as part of the uplift in officers recruited through the 2019/2020 precept increase. In order to maximise the strategic value of this new team, it was agreed that a refreshed Business Crime Strategy would be developed with the input of the Business Crime Strategic Board.

The following development process will be followed:

- Business Crime Strategic Board Workshop
- Business crime survey (B2B promotion)
- Survey results analysed and fed back to the board
- Draft priorities agreed
- Business Crime Strategy drafted
- Business Crime Strategy designed
- Business Crime Strategy launched

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

We did consider continuing with the existing Essex Police Business Crime Strategy or developing a new strategy without engagement with businesses. However, these two options were rejected as the existing strategy does not reflect the current operating environment, or reflect the additional resources allocated to business crime. At the same time, it was recognised that, with the increased engagement with the business community over the last few years, we have a good opportunity to use that engagement to develop a much more effective strategy, owned and implemented by businesses, the PFCC and Essex Police.

6. Police and Crime Plan

As mentioned above, the development of the strategy and engagement with businesses directly deliver against a specific commitment in the Police and Crime Plan 2016-2020.

7. Police operational implications

The development process will help to inform the activities undertaken by the Business Crime Team.

8. Financial implications

- Business crime survey and promotional activity design £750
- Promotion of survey £250

• Independent analysis of survey results	£1500
• Business Crime Strategy design	£2000
• Business Crime Strategy launch	£3000
Approximate total anticipated costs	£7500

This funding will come from the 2019-2020 Community Safety ~~Development~~ Fund.

9. Legal implications

There are no legal implications arising from this decision.

10. Staffing implications

There are no staffing implications arising from this decision.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

We will ensure that the strategy is published in an accessible format and promoted to businesses across the county.

12. Risks

The timeline for the development of the strategy is quite tight, and there is the risk that too many or too few inputs through the strategy development process may result in a delay in the timeline as additional views are analysed, or further views sought. This risk can be managed through the process.

13. Governance Boards

The development process will involve the Business Crime Strategic Board and the strategy will be signed off by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and Essex Police's Chief Officer Group.

14. Background papers

There are no background papers.

Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the Chief Executive and Treasurer prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC.

Chief Executive / M.O. Sign: [Signature]
Print: P. BENT-BREWSTER
Date: 4 October 2019

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer Sign: [Signature]
Print: ABBEY GUNN
Date: 7/10/2019

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Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: Jane Gardner
Print: JANE GARDNER

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 10/10/2019

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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PFCC/Deputy PFCC

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