

## PFCC Decision Report

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<b>Report reference number: 171/19</b>
<b>Classification</b> Not protectively marked
<b>Title of report:</b> Neighbourhood Watch
<b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected:</b> Countywide
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<b>Date of report:</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
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### 1. Purpose of report

To seek approval for the allocation of £2,316 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to Essex Neighbourhood Watch Association, whose activities will contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan for Essex.

### 2. Recommendations

To approve the allocation of £2,316 to Essex Neighbourhood Watch Association to print 12,000 Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Members Guides.

### 3. Benefits of Proposal

Neighbourhood Watch is a group of people that come together to make their communities safer and stronger. It encourages people to look out for each other. It provides a free, confidential service and it is up to individual members how involved they want to be

The aims of Neighbourhood Watch are:

- To reduce opportunities for crime by deterring would be thieves and vandals
- To establish a community spirit so that everyone can contribute to the security of property by mutual co-operation
- To inform the Police of any suspicious activity
- To make members more aware of local crime problems and be more security conscious about their homes and property

- To encourage neighbourliness

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

The PFCC has previously supported Neighbourhood Watch through the following decisions:

- 069/19 £1,800 Additional core funding
- 031/19 £2,205 Neighbourhood Watch street signs
- 173/18 £11,000 Neighbourhood Watch core funding

It is proposed that additional funding of £2,316 is provided to print a further 12,000 Essex County Neighbourhood Watch Members Guides in order to support the growing membership across Essex.

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

The alternative option is not to support Neighbourhood Watch. This course of action is not recommended as Neighbourhood Watch is a valuable resource in supporting community safety and is rapidly growing its membership. The PFCC has supported Neighbourhood Watch and has valued its contribution to supporting the Police and Crime Plan priorities.

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

Essex County Neighbourhood Watch's activities contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan, specifically priority 1 (more local, visible and accessible policing) by supporting increased participation in community safety initiatives.

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

No direct operational implications

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

The PFCC will fund a one off contribution of £2,316 from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to Essex County Neighbourhood Watch (ECNW).

#### **9. Legal Implications**

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

#### **10. Staffing and other resource implications**

No staffing implications.

#### **11. Risks**

There are no risks identified



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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 .....

**PFCC/Deputy PFCC**

Date signed: 24 December 2019 .....

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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**PFCC/Deputy PFCC**

Date signed: .....