

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Phase 2 of the Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' funding 2019/20
Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To approve the allocation of £589,624.80 from the Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' to the organisations detailed in section 4.1 below for delivery against the objectives set out in the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Work Programme. This budget consists of Early Intervention Youth Fund (EIYF) from the Home Office, a contribution from Essex County Council of £500,000 and £200,000 from the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of £589,624.80 to support partner organisations to deliver against the priorities within the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Work Programme.

3. Benefits of the proposal

- 3.1. This funding will enable local partners across Essex to have a positive impact on issues relating to violence and vulnerability, including gangs, 'county lines' and child criminal exploitation.
- 3.2. This funding supports organisations to deliver on their areas of work outlined in the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Framework (2018), to reduce serious violence and safeguard those being exploited and at risk of exploitation through gangs and 'county lines'.

3.3. The funding allocations have been developed and agreed by the PFCC and key strategic partners.

4. Background and proposal

4.1. The PFCC will provide the following funding allocations:

Thurrock Council	Work to support attendance at schools through targeted prevention activities	£50,000
Southend Council	Work to support attendance at schools through targeted prevention activities (£50,000) and contribution to Southend 'spot the signs' communications campaign	£55,000
Essex County Council	Communications campaign and Basildon hospital project	£115,000
Children's Society	Care Programme – working with children, young people and their families at high risk of exploitation	£150,000
Kelly Louise Clark Limited	Supporting development of press releases of the activities as part of the Essex approach to violence and vulnerability	£5,000
The Training Effect	E-learning module (foundation) for front line workers across Southend, Essex and Thurrock (content development)	£14,625
Basildon, Billericay and Wickford Behavioural Attendance Partnership	Work to support attendance at schools through targeted prevention activities	£23,376.60
Braintree Behavioural Attendance Partnership	Work to support attendance at schools through targeted prevention activities	£20,779.20
Brentwood Behavioural Attendance Partnership	Work to support attendance at schools through targeted prevention activities	£15,584.40
Castle Point and Rochford Behavioural Attendance Partnership	Work to support attendance at schools through targeted prevention activities	£23,376.60
Chelmsford & Maldon Behavioural Attendance Partnership	Work to support attendance at schools through targeted prevention activities	£31,168.80
Colchester & Tendring Behavioural Attendance Partnership	Work to support attendance at schools through targeted prevention activities	£44,155.80
Epping Forest Behavioural Attendance Partnership	Work to support attendance at schools through targeted prevention activities	£15,584.40
Uttlesford Behavioural Attendance Partnership	Work to support attendance at schools through targeted prevention activities	£10,389.60
Harlow Education Partnership	Work to support attendance at schools through targeted prevention activities	£15,584.40
		£589,624.80

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

5.1. No alternative options were considered because, as set out above, the objectives and delivery methods have already been agreed in principle through the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Work Programme.

6. Police and Crime Plan

- 6.1. This funding will enable partner organisations to support the priorities within the Police and Crime Plan, including protecting children and vulnerable people from harm and reversing the trend in serious violence.

7. Police operational implications

- 7.1. Essex Police is a key partner within the Violence and Vulnerability programme, but this funding has no direct implications on the Force.

8. Financial implications

- 8.1. The PFCC will allocate £589,624.80 from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to the range of organisations as outlined in section 4.1 above. This is funding that the PFCC has received from the Home Office as part of our successful bid to the Early Intervention Youth Fund (EIYF) and with contributions from Essex County Council of £500,000 and from the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner. Essex secured £350,000 from the EIYF for use in financial year 2019-20. This is the second tranche of funding from this combined 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' to transfer that money to local delivery partners.

9. Legal implications

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

10. Staffing implications

- 10.1. Employment of staff or sessional workers will be the responsibility of the relevant delivery organisation. No liability will be placed on the PFCC or other funders as a result of this grant funding.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

- 11.1. It is recognised that some individuals may be more likely to fall victim to the criminal exploitation associated with the violence and vulnerability agenda, and therefore be more in need of support. These interventions have been developed to identify and target resources at those most likely to be impacted (or those that work with that cohort). For instance we know from research and our own experience that those from less affluent social demographic groups, those that are not in full time education, and those with learning difficulties are more vulnerable to these types of exploitation. Delivery partners are expected to be mindful of these vulnerabilities and to take reasonable and appropriate steps to engage this cohort as well as using monitoring information to measure and report on the impact the interventions have on different client groups.

12. Risks

- 12.1. There are no specific risks associated with this funding

13. Governance Boards

- 13.1. This funding covers a range of agencies and is discussed at various partnership boards, including the Violence and Vulnerability Strategic Executive Group, Round Table and Operations Board as well as internal PFCC meetings. The approaches and activities within the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Work Programme have been signed off by the Strategic Executive Group and Round Table.

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: Phillip Graft

Print: P. GRAFT - MELWOOD

Date: 24 December 2019

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign: A. S. A.

Print: A. S. A.

Date: 24/12/19

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I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: [Handwritten Signature]

Print: R. C. Hurst

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 6/1/20

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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