

## PFCC Decision Report

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<b>Report reference number:</b> 035/20
<b>Classification:</b> Not protectively marked/restricted
<b>Title of report:</b> COMPACT research project
<b>Area of county / stakeholders affected:</b> Countywide
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<b>Date of report:</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
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### 1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To approve the allocation of up to £5,000 to part-fund a research project to identify the effectiveness of and development opportunities for the Essex Compact.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of up to £5,000 from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to part-fund a research project into the Essex Compact to identify possible improvements for the working relationship between statutory partners and the voluntary/community sector.

### 3. Benefits of the proposal

- 3.1. The project will seek to identify existing awareness and application of the Essex Compact and determine areas of good practice and development.
- 3.2. The research will provide:
  - An evaluation of the impact of the Essex Compact;
  - Insight into whether stakeholders experience challenges in Compact awareness and compliance;
  - Indications of whether, in a changing financial environment, there is still need for the Compact, and recommendations into its possible future configuration;
  - An evaluation of the relationship between the Compact and social value, and how each contributes to benefitting service users, and

- A report detailing the findings alongside recommendations for the Compact Steering Group

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

- 4.1. The Essex Compact is a voluntary agreement which underpins and supports statutory agencies and the voluntary and community sector in working together fairly and productively to serve and improve the well-being of people living and working in Essex.
- 4.2. The PFCC is represented on the Essex Compact Steering Group and is signed up to the Compact to improve working relations between the statutory and voluntary sectors in Essex. The PFCC commissions and grant funds a large range of local voluntary and community sector organisations and consequently has an interest in building capacity to support the sector to deliver on the ambitions of the Police and Crime Plan.
- 4.3. This project is match-funded with a £5,000 investment from the Essex Community Foundation. The Essex Compact Steering Group will undertake an application process to identify the most appropriate individual or organisation to undertake this work.

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

- 5.1. The PFCC has the option not to support this project, but that would result in the project being cancelled and prevent the opportunity for us to understand how the Essex Compact is understood and applied across the county.

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

- 6.1. The Essex Compact supports strong, productive relations between voluntary and statutory sectors. Effective relations, and a strong and vibrant voluntary and community sector will improve local community safety and support the PFCC to deliver the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan.

#### **7. Police operational implications**

- 7.1. There are no direct policing operational implications.

#### **8. Financial implications**

- 8.1. The PFCC will allocate a one-off contribution of up to £5,000 from the PFCC's 2019-20 Community Safety Fund to the successful applicant.

#### **9. Legal implications**

- 9.1. There are no legal implications.

#### **10. Staffing implications**

- 10.1. No direct staffing implications.

**11. Equality and Diversity implications**

11.1. The Essex Compact seeks to ensure a vibrant and representative voluntary sector which has strong relations with the statutory sector. The application process will be inclusive to ensure a range of possible providers.

**12. Risks**

12.1. There are no risks identified from this decision.

**13. Governance Boards**

13.1. This proposal has been approved by the Essex Compact Steering Group.

**14. Background papers**

14.1. None

**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:



Print: P. Brent-Isherwood

Date: 31 March 2020

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign: N/A – Below the threshold for CFO

Print: approval.....

Date: .....

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**Chief Executive/Treasurer**

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I agree the recommendations to this report:

**Sign:** 

**Print:** Roger Hirst

**PFCC**

**Date signed: 2 April 2020**

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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**Sign:** .....

**Print:** .....

**PFCC/Deputy PFCC**

**Date signed:** .....