

PFCC Decision Report

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| Report reference number: 023-21 |
| Classification: Not protectively marked |
| Title of report: Youth Voice Project |
| Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide |
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1. Purpose of the report

To approve the allocation of £2,000 from the PFCC's 2020-21 Community Safety Fund to support a youth voice project across Essex to help contribute to the development of a new Youth Strategy for Essex Police.

2. Recommendations

Approve the allocation of £2,000 from the PFCC's 2020-21 Community Safety Fund.

3. Benefits of the proposal

Young people are a key group within Essex. How the police work with them to build their confidence in policing, reduce their vulnerability and engage them as active citizens is central to creating the safe and secure communities, we all want to live in.

4. Background and proposal

The PFCC has been supporting the development of a new Youth Strategy for Essex Police and has recently run a youth conference with a range of young people from across Essex. This sought to engage the attendees in discussions around the relationship between Essex police and young people and how the police can work effective with and for young people in the county. The results of these discussions are being fed into the development of the Youth Strategy.

To supplement this conference and ensure we are reaching a good range of young people from different backgrounds and perspectives this funding is to secure targeted conversations with young people from across Essex.

The project will be run by the Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services (ECVYS) and will include targeted engagement with a wide range of young people from across Essex. The results of the project will contribute to the development of the Essex Police Youth Strategy.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

We didn't have to undertake this project or indeed any engagement with people at all prior to the developing the Youth Strategy, however, this would have resulted in a far worse strategy. The PFCC has worked hard in recent years to build a strong and broad network of partners who can reach into and engage with groups working directly with young people across Essex. By listening, understanding and adapting our approach based on honest and insightful feedback we have been able to develop more sophisticated and responsive policies, strategies and plans. By support this project we are helping Essex Police access these audiences.

6. Police and Crime Plan

Young people are a key audience referenced within the Police and Crime Plan and are central to building confidence in our communities and tackling all forms of crime withing the county.

7. Police operational implications

No direct operational implications but the output will contribute to the development of the Essex Police Youth Strategy.

8. Financial implications

The project will cost £2000 which will be funded out of the PFCC's 2020-21 Community Safety Fund.

9. Legal implications

There are no legal implications and the funding will be passed to Essex Police to commission the work with ECVYS.

10. Staffing implications

There are no staffing implications.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

The Commissioner has a duty to promote good relationships between groups with protected characteristics and ensure equality of access to public services. This funding directly addresses the need to engage with young people will contribute to the development of a strategy that will help Essex Police achieve their obligations for this group. The project will also help ensure that different groups of young many with additional protected characteristic are heard within the strategy development process.

As part of the project demographic data will be captured to provide reassurance that a broad range of young people have been engaged.

12. Risks

There is no specific risk associated with this project.

13. Governance Boards

This decision has not been discussed at any governance boards.

14. Background Papers

There are no background papers.

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.

Deputy M.O.

Sign: 

Print: Darren Horsman

Date: 1 March 2021

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign: 

Print: Julia Berry

Date: 3 March 2021

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Chief Executive/Treasurer

Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report:



Sign:

Print: Roger Hirst

PFCC

Date signed: 10 March 2021

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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Sign:

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PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: