

## PFCC Decision Report

**Report reference number:** 074/21

**Classification:** Not protectively marked

**Title of report:** Violence & Vulnerability Joint Budget 2021/22 – accepting contributions

**Area of county / stakeholders affected:** Countywide

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**Date of report:** 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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### 1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To seek approval to receive £500,000 from Essex County Council and £200,000 from the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner. These two amounts are being contributed to be used to deliver the work programme for the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Partnership for 2021-22, for activity from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To approve that the PFCC office receive the contributions of £700,000 on behalf of the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Partnership. With the funding to be utilised to deliver the agreed priorities of the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Partnership for 2021-22. The contributions to be managed as one budget (along with the VRU Fund of £1,160,000), known as the *Joint Violence and Vulnerability Budget*, totalling £1,860,000 in 2021/22.

### 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 will support organisations to deliver on areas of work outlined in the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Framework (2018) and within the Partnership's work programme for 2021-22, to reduce serious violence and safeguard those being exploited and at risk of exploitation through gangs and 'county lines'.
- 3.3. The Partnership V&V work programme for 2021-22 is in development and will be subject to review and approval by the PFCC and key strategic partners.

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

- 4.1. Essex has been allocated £1,160,000 of VRU funding for 2021-22 by the Home Office, as one of the 18 Violence Reduction Units (VRUs) across England and Wales.
- 4.2. The contributions of £500,000 from Essex County Council and £200,000 from the PFCC and the allocation of funds, along with the VRU funding, to be allocated according to the agreed partnership V&V work programme.
- 4.3. The V&V work programme requires the approval from local partners (members of the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Round Table) before it is delivered by the partnership and local organisations.
- 4.4. The V&V work programme is to be overseen by the V&V Operations Board on behalf of the V&V Round Table. The V&V Operations Board are to report progress against the work programme to the V&V Round Table.

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

- 5.1 The PFCC has the option to reject this funding but that would limit the deliverables of the V&V Partnership.

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

- 6.1 This fund, will support organisations, working with the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Partnership, enabling partner organisations to support the priorities within the Police and Crime Plan, in particular protecting children and vulnerable people from harm.

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

- 7.1 There are no operational implications. Essex Police is well engaged with this programme at a strategic and operational level.

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

- 8.1 The PFCC, on behalf of the V&V Partnership, will receive £500,000 from Essex County Council, and contribute £200,000 into a *Joint Violence and Vulnerability Budget*, which will also include £1,160,000 from the 2021-22 Home Office Violence Reduction Unit Fund. The PFCC will allocate the *Joint Violence and Vulnerability Budget* according to the agreed 2021-22 V&V work programme. The allocation of this fund will be detailed in further decision sheets.
- 8.2 The funding will be subject to the funding requirements set out by the PFCC's funding agreements with partner organisations in the county which deliver elements of the work.

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

- 9.1 The award of grants, from the *Joint Violence and Vulnerability Budget*, will be subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement.

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

- 10.1 There are no staffing implications.

#### **11. Equality and Diversity implications**

- 11.1 All support services funded from the *Joint Violence and Vulnerability Budget* are

to be available and accessible to all.

**12. Risks**

- 12.1 There is a risk that funding will not be utilised by the end of March 2022 though this is being mitigated by early planning, building on the learning to date and by ensuring organisations are aware of the restrictions on funding and are able to deliver against these. The VVU also monitors other opportunities for funding if there is any likely underspend and can seek approval from the programme's established governance structures to redeploy funding elsewhere if required during the year.

**13. Governance Boards**

- 13.1 This funding will cover a range of agencies and is discussed at various partnership boards, including the Violence and Vulnerability Round Table, and V&V Operations Board as well as internal PFCC meetings. The approaches and activities within the Essex V&V work programme are developed by the multi-agency Operations Board and subject to Round Table approval.

**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: D. Horsman.....

Print: Darren Horsman - Deputy MO.....

Date: 7.5.2021.....

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign: J. Berry.....

Print: Julia Berry.....

Date: 7 May 2021.....

**Publication**

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YES

NO

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2. Of Appendix? YES   
NO

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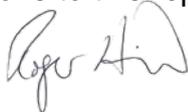
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**PFCC**

**Date signed:** 30 June 2021

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