

## PFCC Decision Report

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**Classification:** Not protectively marked

**Title of report:** Phase 2 of the Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' funding 2021/22

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

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**Date of report:** 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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### 1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To approve the allocation of **£567,260** 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 V&V Work Programme 2021/22.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of **£567,260** to support partner organisations to deliver against the priorities within the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Work Programme 2021/22.
- 2.2. For the £70,000 proposed for targeted interventions with 18-24 year olds, 'Power Few' cohort, noting that the procurement process on this hasn't concluded, to approve that choosing the provider/s is delegated to the V&V Operations Board. That this delegated decision is reported through the governance routes of the V&V Partnership.

### 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) and agreed by the V&V leadership group, the V&V Round Table, 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;

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner	Project manager working as part of the multi-agency Violence & Vulnerability Unit core team for 12 months (April 2021 – March 2022)	57,000
Essex County Council – Youth Offending Service	Secondment of youth offending service manager into multi-agency Violence & Vulnerability Unit core team for 12 months (April 2021 – March 2022)	57,600
Essex Police	Police resource (police inspector and chief inspector) into multi-agency Violence & Vulnerability Unit core team for 6 months (April – September 2021, payment one of two)	41,910
Essex County Council	Secondment of communications officer into multi-agency Violence & Vulnerability Unit core team for 12 months (April 2021 – March 2022)	37,980
Essex County Council	Commissioning resource to support delivery of the V&V work programme for 12 months (April 2021 – March 2022)	57,100
Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services (ECVYS)	Resources from ECVYS to work with VVU, including CEO of ECVYS working two days a week with the team and project support	34,000
Tony Saager	Training on cuckooing delivered to a range of partners across the county	6,500
Various providers being identified according to business need	Training to support the delivery of the 'knife crime model' programme. Noting the provider/s are currently being considered based on the identified needs for those working on the 'knife crime model', as part of the practitioner operational group.	6,000
Essex County Council	Team Around the Family Support Officer (TAFSO) role to be developed between a cluster of schools and local services – as part of work in identified locality	46,200
Appropriate Training and Consultancy Ltd	Expert Drugs Witness Training	4,920
Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services /ECVYS	Bespoke projects delivered in response to listening projects led by ECVYS	6,950
Various providers identified according to business need	Development of campaign material including for Operation Henderson and Operation Make Safe, working with a range of communication suppliers currently contracted and working on partnership campaigns	11,300
ChildWise	Communications social media campaign – post campaign evaluation (in schools)	12,900
Various providers	Filming material for campaigns and for pieces on VVU website identified according to business need	12,000

Various providers	Targeted interventions with 18-24 year olds, 'Power Few' cohort (to include funds for Fearless Futures / Knife Crime model programme and positive requirements on injunctions). Noting that the procurement process on this hasn't concluded, to approve that choosing the provider/s is delegated to the V&V Operations Board. That this delegated decision is reported through the governance routes of the V&V Partnership	70,000
ATF, Southend	The ATF 'Community Development Project' comprises a 6-step programme customised for targeted cohorts of young people in identified areas in Southend	15,400
Essex Youth Offending Service	Targeted interventions with 10-16 year olds, 'Power Few' cohort - allocation for two youth offending service workers (to enhance and ensure appropriate education support)	89,500
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£567,260</b>

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

- 5.1. The PFCC could opt not to allocate this funding, but that would reduce the likelihood of the V&V Partnership delivering on its work programme and the PFCC delivering on the Police and Crime Plan.

## **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 tackling gangs and serious violence.

## **7. Police operational implications**

- 7.1. Essex Police is well engaged with this programme at a strategic and operational level. This decision sheet includes costs of police resource into the Violence and Vulnerability Unit.

## **8. Financial implications**

- 8.1. The PFCC will allocate one-off grants to the value of **£567,260** from the 2021/22 Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' to the range of organisations as outlined in section 4.1 above. This funding will be subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement.
- 8.2. This joint budget is made up of funding the PFCC receives from the Home Office of £1,160,000 Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) funding, a contribution from Essex County Council (£500,000) and investment from the PFCC's Community Safety Fund (£200,000).
- 8.3. This is the second tranche of funding from this combined 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' in 2021/22 to transfer funding to local delivery partners.

## **9. Legal implications**

- 9.1. No legal implications

## **10. Staffing implications**

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

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

- 11.1. For the activities outlined in section 4.1, we recognise that they support and are accessible to all protected characteristics but are most likely to be targeted to young people who are profiled as being those most likely to be impacted by issues relating to county lines and gangs.
- 11.2. For the interventions, monitoring arrangements for these funds include the requirement to report on the number of vulnerable children and young adults supported as well as steps taken to ensure offers of support are as accessible as possible.
- 11.3. Most of the organisations listed in the table in 4.1 are subject to the public sector equality duty and will be required to consider the impact of the delivery of their activities on those with protected characteristics.

## **12. Risks**

- 12.1. All services identified in section 4.1 have demonstrated the need and the requirement for this funding. As this is short-term funding there is a risk that it is not utilised this year meaning funding would have to be returned to contributors and opportunities to make progress against the Police and Crime Plan and V&V work programme may be missed. This is mitigated by formal funding agreements, and by ensuring organisations are aware of the restrictions on funding and are able to deliver against these.

## **13. Governance Boards**

- 13.1. This funding covers a range of agencies and is discussed at various partnership boards, including the Violence and Vulnerability (V&V) Round Table, and V&V Operations Board as well as internal PFCC meetings. The overall approach to the Essex 2021/22 Violence and Vulnerability Work Programme has been signed-off by the Round Table. The Round Table has considered the overall approach and key areas within the 21/22 V&V Work Programme at their meetings on 18<sup>th</sup> January and 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

The 2021/22 V&V Work Programme has been developed by the V&V Operations Board, including through discussions at meetings on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

The V&V Operations Board has responsibility for ensuring oversight of delivery of 2021/22 V&V Work Programme and appropriate reporting of progress to the V&V Round Table.

## **14. Background papers**

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: ..... *DHorsman*

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Date: 17.5.2021.....

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer Sign: ..... *Julia Berry*

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Date: 19 May 2021.....

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**Date signed:** 21 June 2021

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