

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Phase 3 of the Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' funding 2021/22

Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide

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1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To approve the allocation of **£317,075** 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 **£317,075** to support partner organisations to deliver against the priorities within the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Work Programme 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 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;

Essex Boys and Girls Clubs	Support with and writing of partnership Essex application to Youth Endowment Fund preventing serious youth violence	1,500
Wave Trust, masterclass seminars	'Preventing Violence at its Root' training seminars – attendance by sessional worker on 'Fearless Futures' programme	175
Various (quarter 1 proposed venue - Holiday Inn, Colchester)	Essex VVU end of quarter review and planning away-days, external venue costs	1,400
Active Southend	Alternative Learning, Enrichment, and Diversionary Programme in Victory Park and Sutton Park, Southend. This includes offering alternative learning opportunities and diversionary activities – tailored to the individual (looking for the 'hook' which engages the young person). The activities include street basketball, boxing, horse riding and gym sessions. The programme works with children and young people from 8 to 16.	40,000
Essex Youth Offending Service	Serious Violence Survey 'audit' with young people accessing a range of services across the county to inform our overall approach to reducing serious youth violence	22,000
Project three sixty, Southend	Working to provide enhanced support to 16-17-year olds in supported accommodation, including coaching and employability skills	20,000
Chelmsford City Council	British Ironworks amnesty bins to be placed in Central Park/Admirals Park (following Knife Angel coming to Chelmsford in September). Part of legacy events / activities being planned.	1,500
Essex Police	[REDACTED]	37,000
Thurrock Youth Offending Service	Young Person's Exploitation Support Worker Thurrock. Working with young people (10–16 year olds) identified through our analysis as the cohorts experiencing or at risk of experiencing exploitation. Working with young people and alongside professionals to deliver effective support and reduce the risk of harm.	55,000
Southend Youth Offending Service	Targeted interventions with young people (10–16 year olds) identified through our analysis as the cohorts experiencing or at risk of experiencing exploitation. Allocation for enhanced activities and interventions, including mentoring, education input and group work.	50,000
Children's Society	Children at Risk of Exploitation (C.A.R.E.) programme. This programme runs across the Essex County Council area, supporting children and young adults who have been	40,000

	or are at risk of being exploited. This is for the cost of the C.A.R.E. manager for 2021/22	
Essex County Council	Choices programme activity, working with vulnerable children and young people who are frequently missing, based on research findings.	30,000
Essex Police	Positive Action Roadshows, with teachers and staff from schools and colleges across the county, delivering clear key messages around inclusivity, diversity and talks from contributors outlining their lived experiences. The overall aim is to directly impact on perceptions of the Police. In addition the roadshows are delivering key messages to young people about opportunities for them to improve their life outcomes along with raising awareness of key issues (including knife crime, gangs as well as grooming and current crime types). The roadshows include Essex Police and partner contributions. V&V contribution to the partnership elements, including speakers for elements relating to knife crime and sharing lived experiences.	15,000
Chelmsford City Council	V&V contribution to materials and running of Crucial Crew across the county, in relation to exploitation and vulnerabilities. Crucial Crew is a multi-agency safety education activity, which is delivered through the Community Safety Partnerships across the county. The elements include some core elements which are common issues across areas, for example raising awareness of county lines in relation to exploitation and vulnerabilities, as well as some elements which reflect locally identified issues. The activities are delivered to young people, usually within their secondary school setting.	3,500
	TOTAL:	£317,075

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. The PFCC could also allocate the funds in a different way though this would not align with the agreed programme as set out by the V&V Partnership and informed by the analysis and expertise of the Partnership.

7. Police and Crime Plan

7.1. 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.

8. Police operational implications

8.1. 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.

9. Financial implications

- 9.1. The PFCC will allocate one-off grants to the value of **£317,075** 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.
- 9.2. 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).
- 9.3. This is the third tranche of funding from this combined 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' in 2021/22 to transfer funding to local delivery partners.

10. Legal implications

- 10.1. No legal implications

11. Staffing implications

- 11.1. 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 because of this grant funding.

12. Equality and Diversity implications

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. 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.
- 12.3. 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.

13. Risks

- 13.1. 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 can deliver against these.

14. Governance Boards

- 14.1. 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 considered the overall approach and key areas within the 21/22 V&V Work Programme at their

meetings on 18th January and 25th March 2021 and signed off the plan on 20th May 2021.

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

Treasurer / Chief Executive Sign Off – for Redactions only

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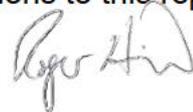
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Chief Executive/Treasurer

Date signed: 29 June 2021

Decision and Final Sign Off

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Print: ROGER HIRST

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Date signed: 29 June 2021

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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