

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Phase 5 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 **£373,390** 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 **£373,390** 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 County Council	Team Around the Family Support Officer (TAFSO) role to be developed between a cluster of schools and local services [REDACTED]	£46,200
Essex County Council	Basildon & Thurrock University Hospital Youth Service project 2021/22 (1 st October 2021 to 31 st March 2022)	£70,000
Harlow Council	Improvements to CCTV coverage across identified 'harm spot locations' in order to deter violent crime in conjunction with the Essex Police Operation Grip patrols. [REDACTED]	£22,000
Colchester Council	For a mini jobcentre to support residents [REDACTED], with a focus on those aged 15-24 who have additional barriers which may prevent them from engaging with employment or education. This responds to issues identified within the analysis undertaken. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <i>This replaces an amount (of £10,000) previously allocated to this project, where funds were going to be paid to the Department of Work & Pensions (decision sheet 109/21).</i>	£22,000
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. For this element of the work to include training practitioners who will lead on the survey, 'trusted' by the young people to share personal information. <i>This is in addition to an amount already allocated (of £22,000) to this project (decision sheet 103/21).</i>	£18,000
U Turn	U-Turn working with Tendring Community Safety Partnership to deliver a targeted programme with young people at risk, [REDACTED]	£25,000
Probation – eastern region	Full time intervention worker for the Fearless Futures cohort and other identified individuals within the V&V Partnership high risk cohort, providing one to one interventions work. With line management and supervision of the interventions worker provided by the Probation Service. Access to mentoring services for non-statutory individuals identified (for the Fearless Futures cohort) which the intervention worker and the Probation Officer secondee within the VVU can refer into.	£65,000

	Support provided to practitioners in the Violence & Vulnerability Unit and the wider team from the eastern region lead for Women's services within Probation. (1 st October 2021 to 31 st March 2022).	
Thurrock Council	[REDACTED] For youth interventions to be delivered by Thurrock Youth Service, and for this to include the recruitment of two additional posts, apprentices recruited from the current cohort of 'not in education, employment or training' recognising the importance of lived experience when working with young people.	£30,000
Thurrock Council	Youth at Risk sessions at Harris Academy, South Ockenden. [REDACTED]	£12,000
Essex Police	Police resource (police inspector and chief inspector) into multi-agency Violence & Vulnerability Unit core team for 6 months (October – March September 2021)	£41,190
John Moores University	Evaluation of detached and outreach work in identified localities	£10,000
Anglia Ruskin University	Evaluation of localities interventions working with vulnerable and at risk young people	£12,000
	TOTAL:	£373,390

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.

5.2. 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.

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 **£373,390** 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 fifth 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 because 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 can 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 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.
- 13.2. 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.

13.3. 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: D. Horsman

Print: Darren Horsman - Deputy MO

Date: 4.10.2021

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer Sign: Julia Berry

Print: Julia Berry

Date: 5 October 2021

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1. Of Decision Sheet? YES NO 2. Of Appendix? N/a

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Date redaction carried out: 5 October 2021

Treasurer / Chief Executive Sign Off – for Redactions only

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Sign: 

Print: Julia Berry

Chief Executive/Treasurer

Date signed: 5 October 2021

Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: 

Print: Roger Hirst

PFCC

Date signed: 10 October 2021

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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Date signed: