

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Brentwood Community Safety Hub funding
Area of county/ stakeholders affected: Brentwood
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1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To seek support for providing funding to Brentwood Borough Council for investment in the Community Safety Hub in Brentwood Town Hall. This investment will facilitate co-location and closer working between police, local authority and other colleagues in Brentwood.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To agree to provide £14,010 funding to Brentwood Borough Council for investment in the Brentwood Community Safety Hub.

3. Benefits of the proposal

- 3.1. This funding will cover the costs for configuration of office space in Brentwood Town Hall to facilitate joint working, including installation of IT infrastructure, furniture for 12 desk spaces, provision of a partnership meeting area, kitchen, and a drop-down space for hot-desking.
- 3.2. This funding will facilitate improved partnership working in Brentwood, primarily between police and local authority, but also other members of the Community Safety Partnership. Improved joint working and data-sharing can improve the efficiency and efficacy of multi-agency operations, and also ensure all agencies are acting with the most relevant and up to date information.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. The PFCC previously provided capital investment to support the development of Community Safety Hubs between 2016-18 which saw investment in Basildon, Tendring, Castle Point, Braintree, Colchester, and Chelmsford. Following a redevelopment of the Town Hall, Brentwood BC is now in a position to make space and facilities available for a partnership area within the building. Essex Police is supportive of this proposal and is keen to improve the infrastructure that supports and facilitates partnership working.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

- 5.1. The PFCC may decide not to allocate this funding, which may mean that the Community Safety Hub area is not as effective as it may be, limiting the benefits outlined in section 3 above.
- 5.2. The PFCC could also have considered investing in an alternative space, however, this would not provide the efficiencies that are being sought.

6. Police and Crime Plan

- 6.1. The PFCC commits to “Develop preventative, proactive, problem solving policing activities by working with Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs), including embedding officers in local CSPs and Hubs” as well as “Target repeat and high harm anti-social behaviour through the continued development of Community Safety Hubs”
- 6.2. Approval of this proposal will help to crack down on ASB.

7. Police operational implications

- 7.1. The Community Safety Hub will facilitate joint working between Essex Police and local authority colleagues. The new area will enable Police Officers to access IT and work from the Town Hall location, reducing the reliance on Police estate to engage colleagues, undertake meetings, complete other back office functions.

8. Financial implications

- 8.1. The PFCC will provide a one-off grant of £14,010 to Brentwood Borough Council from the 2021-22 Community Safety Fund.

9. Legal implications

- 9.1. This grant would be subject to the PFCC’s standard funding agreement.

10. Staffing implications

- 10.1. There are no direct staffing implications other than intended improvements in partnership working facilitated by this opportunity.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

- 11.1. The intention of Community Safety Hubs is to improve data sharing and intelligence between partner agencies as well as facilitating joint operations. Targeted activity using the most relevant and up to date information should support partners to improve their engagement with all communities across Brentwood, including minority groups or those with protected characteristics.
- 11.2. Organisations within Community Safety Partnerships have their own obligations to ensure their responsibilities under the Equalities Act 2010 are met.
- 11.3. The PFCC applies conditions on this funding which include;
 - The PFCC will use monitoring information, including attending partnership meetings, to track whether any groups are being, or could be,

disproportionately or negatively impacted by any actions resulting from PFCC funding.

- The Recipient shall not unlawfully discriminate within the meaning and scope of any law, enactment, order, or regulation relating to discrimination (whether in race, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation, age or otherwise) in employment or otherwise.

12. Risks

12.1. No specific risks associated with this decision.

13. Governance Boards

13.1. This decision was discussed at a PFCC Daily SMT meeting on 13.7.21. It has not been subject to any formal governance arrangements


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 / DP FCC.

Chief Executive/ M.O.

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Date: 27/7/2021

Chief Finance Officer | Treasurer

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Date: 3 November 2021

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Deputy PFCC

Date Signed: 8 November 2021

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