

## PFCC Decision Report

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**Report reference number:** 151-21

**Classification:** Not protectively marked

**Title of report:** Phase 6 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 **£162,198** 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 **£162,198** 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	Essex Youth Service delivering a tailored programme focussed on 'Fearless Futures Pilot Project' cohort. Developed from and informed by a range of programmes the Youth Service deliver.	£35,000
Alastair Cant	Motivational Training.	£2,300
Expert Evidence Training (Michael Kent / Matt Lockyer)	Evidential Drug Identification Training (EDIT).	£5,000
Probation Service – eastern region	Information sharing pilot, with Probation to have direct access to the Police Athena system (for a limited number of named individuals, who will be able to access intelligence, non-crimes and collate directly and share with Probation colleagues). As part of this Pilot, for the V&V Partnership to fund an element of the posts and associated training. For this resource to have a focus on serious violence linked to gangs. This will support information sharing for our identified high-risk cohorts, as well as the learning informing the overall approach to information sharing for the V&V Partnership and more widely.	£30,000
Essex Police	As part of the information sharing pilot above – to have police laptops available for the Probation staff.	£5,148
Various	Planning days for VVU and V&V Operations Board – quarter 3	£2,000
Wisdom Design	Design and production of V&V materials	£3,000
Chelmsford Council	Direct interventions with young people identified as at risk of serious violence – as part of our targeted work in localities.	£15,000
Essex County Council (ECC)	Young Essex Assembly (YEA) – in 2020/21 and 2021/22 part of reviewing V&V grants programme awards. This amount for the YEA members (to be managed via ECC Youth Service) to have a take-away together – a 'thank you' from V&V Partnership for giving their time to support and inform the grant awards.	£250
Zest The Agency	County lines campaign – to run from the end of November for one month, including through Snapchat and on identified radio channels, targeting young people.	£19,500
Ranch Creative	Films of V&V work – case studies – to share the work of the Partnership (including being placed on VVU website).	£18,000
Basildon Council	Localities co-ordinator to support the development of local initiatives linked to serious violence, including developing community presence in identified areas of the borough.	£27,000
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£162,198</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.
- 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.

## **8. Financial implications**

- 8.1. The PFCC will allocate one-off grants to the value of **£162,198** 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 sixth 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 18<sup>th</sup> January and 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and signed off the plan on 20<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and 16<sup>th</sup> 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: ..... 

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

Date: 28/10/2021.....

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer Sign: ..... 

Print: Julia Berry.....

Date: 3 November 2021.....

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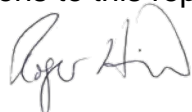
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**Print:** Roger Hirst

**PFCC**

**Date signed:** 8 November 2021

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