

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Phase 7 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 **£98,170** 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 **£98,170** 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 and 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.	£10,000
Children Young People (CYP) First	Every Contact Counts training sessions delivered in partnership with Community Safety Partnerships.	£4,500
Formation media	Refresh and maintenance of VVU website (in line with refreshed strategy and delivery plan – towards the end of quarter 4 in preparation for the start of 2022/23).	£2,500
Various providers being identified according to business need	Design of Annual Report.	£4,500
Thurrock Council	Targeted intervention programme with young people at risk in Thurrock	£40,000
Southend, Essex and Thurrock Councils	Payments to speakers as part of V&V online webinars – part of workforce development programme	£5,000
Various	VVU quarter 4 training and development sessions	£3,500
Southend Council	Online grooming conference	£6,170
Various providers being identified according to business need	Evaluation of communities grant programme	£10,000
Various providers being identified according to business need	Evaluation of mid Essex gang forum – way of working	£12,000
	TOTAL:	£98,170

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 crime prevention, reducing drug-driven violence, and protecting vulnerable people from gangs while we deal with the hardened criminals who prey on them.

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 **£98,170** 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 agreements.
- 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 seventh 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 financial 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

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Sign:

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Chief Executive/Treasurer

Date signed:

Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: 

Print: Roger Hirst

PFCC

Date signed: 4 January 2022

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: