

## PFCC Decision Report

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<b>Report reference number:</b> 028-22
<b>Classification:</b> Not protectively marked
<b>Title of report:</b> Community Speedwatch Coordinator 2022
<b>Area of county / stakeholders affected:</b> Countywide
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<b>Date of report:</b> 11 February 2022
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### 1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To approve the allocation of £12,070 to Essex County Fire & Rescue Service as a contribution to the ongoing employment of the countywide Community Speedwatch Coordinator.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of £12,070 from the PFCC's 2021 Community Safety Fund to ECFRS for the Community Speedwatch coordinator post.

### 3. Benefits of the proposal

- 3.1. The Community Speedwatch Coordinator is responsible for;
  - Working with the Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP) and local communities to make their local roads safer
  - Engaging and educating drivers and communities about road safety and the risks of speeding
  - Encouraging people to engage in volunteering
- 3.2. The benefits of Community Speed Watch include;
  - The opportunity for residents to increase road safety in their area, and support activities to reduce road traffic collisions and injuries, such as promotion of Vision Zero
  - Enhancing the role of community members as volunteers and developing better links with the community
  - As Community Speed Watch volunteers are highly visible and make use of a speed detection device, it is usually clear to vehicle drivers their speed is being monitored. This may be enough deterrent for many motorists to slow down

- The 'community' element of Community Speed Watch could have a more positive effect on some vehicle driver's attitudes compared to engineering schemes
- The letters vehicle drivers receive as a result of exceeding the speed limit may make them continue to reduce their speeds at all times

#### **4. Background and proposal**

- 4.1. Community Speedwatch is a local initiative where active members of the community join together to support the Police to provide a visible presence and monitor drivers' speeds. Vehicles exceeding the speed limit are referred to Essex Police with the aim of educating drivers about the risks of speeding and to encourage them to reduce their speed.
- 4.2. This funding was originally agreed in 2017 under decision report 0029/17 and subsequently in 2018 by report 049-18. There were no reports in 2019 & 2020 due to post-holder reducing their hours and a period of the role being vacant.
- 4.3. The funding of the coordinator is split equally between the PFCC, Essex Police & Essex Fire and Rescue Service.

#### **5. Alternative options considered and rejected**

- 5.1. The PFCC could opt not to allocate this funding, but that would have implications on the ability of the partnership to retain the coordinator and would put pressure on the operational budgets of Essex Police and ECFRS.

#### **6. Police and Crime Plan**

- 6.1. This funding aligns to multiple priorities in the plan, most notably improving safety on our roads, but also investment in crime prevention, encouraging volunteers and community support, and protecting rural and isolated areas.

#### **7. Police operational implications**

- 7.1. This funding will support the joint Essex Speedwatch coordinator, hosted by ECFRS.

#### **8. Financial implications**

- 8.1. The PFCC will approve a one-off allocation of £12,070 from the 2021-22 PFCC Community Safety Fund underspend/reserves to ECFRS.

#### **9. Legal implications**

- 9.1. This funding is subject to the PFCC's standard grant agreement conditions.

#### **10. Staffing implications**

- 10.1. No direct implications

#### **11. Equality and Diversity implications**

- 11.1. No direct implications of this decision.

#### **12. Risks**

- 12.1. No risks anticipated.

**13. Governance Boards**

- 13.1. The work of the coordinator is reported via SERP and the PFCC's Emergency Services Collaboration Strategic Governance Board.

**14. Background documents**

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: 24.2.2022 .....

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

Print: Julia Berry .....

Date: 24 February 2022 .....

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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:** 1 March 2022

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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**Sign:**

**Print:**

**PFCC/Deputy PFCC**

**Date signed:**