

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Phase 1 of the Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' funding 2022-23
Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To approve the allocation of **£245,000** from the 2022-23 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.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of **£245,500** to support partner organisations to deliver against the priorities within the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Work Programme.

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 exploitation.
- 3.2. This funding is part of a long-term programme and supports organisations to deliver on their areas of work outlined in the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Framework (2018) and agreed by the V&V strategic board, 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 (ECC)	Basildon & Thurrock University Hospital Youth Service project 2022-23 (<i>1st April 2022 to 30th September 2022, payment one of two</i>)	£70,000
Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services (ECVYS)	Localities – detached youth work in areas identified through V&V analysis 2022-23	£175,000
Total		£245,000

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 VVU delivering on its work programme and the PFCC delivering on the Police and Crime Plan.

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 reversing the trend in serious violence.

7. Police operational implications

7.1. Essex Police is well engaged with this programme at a strategic and operational level. There are no direct operational impacts of this tranche of funding on Essex Police

8. Financial implications

8.1. The PFCC will allocate one-off grants to the value of **£245,000** from the 2022-23 Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' to ECC & ECVYS 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 from the Home Office as part of our successful bid to the VRU Fund, a contribution from Essex County Council and investment from the PFCC.

8.3. This is the first tranche of funding from this combined 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget 2022-23 to transfer funding to local delivery partners.

9. Legal implications

9.1. The funding is subject to the PFCC's standard grant agreements.

10. Staffing implications

10.1. Employment of staff or sessional workers will be the responsibility of the relevant delivery organisation. No liability will be placed on the PFCC or other funders as a result 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. The organisations listed in table 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. There is a risk that it is not utilised in 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 are able to deliver against these. The VVU also monitors other opportunities for implementing the V&V work programme and if there is any likely underspend it can seek approval from the programme's established governance structures to redeploy funding elsewhere if required.

13. Governance Boards

- 13.1. This funding is part of an ongoing commitment discussed and agreed at various partnership boards, including the Violence and Vulnerability Round Table, and Violence and Vulnerability Operations Board as well as internal PFCC meetings. A high-level proposal for 2022-23 activity has been discussed by the Operations Board as part of developing a three-year delivery plan and these two projects are prioritised for delivery.

Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: 

Print: Roger Hirst

PFCC

Date signed: 31 March 2022

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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Sign:

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PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: