

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Joint Essex Rural Crime Strategy 2022-2026 proposal

Area of county / stakeholders affected: pan-Essex

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 To seek approval for the allocation of £7,300 to help develop the 2022-26 Rural Crime Strategy.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Approve funding of £7,300 for the development of the 2022-26 Rural Crime Strategy through partnership workshops, a public survey and online public meeting, as well as the design and print of the strategy document.

3. Background to the Proposal

- 3.1 The 2017 Essex Rural Crime strategy outlines its mission and focusses on working in partnership to commit to tackling rural crime. The refreshed strategy is being developed by Essex Police, the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner and the Essex Rural Partnership and will engage with stakeholders and the public through workshop exercises, engagement events and an online survey. The results from the engagement will feed into the development of the refreshed Rural Crime Strategy which will be ready to publish in May 2022.

4. Proposal and Associated Benefits

- 4.1 A small variety of promotional / publicity materials will help to promote and invite key partners to attend a workshop and / or complete a survey during a two-month period from February 2022. This will give them the opportunity to outline any key issues and areas of focus. The refreshed strategy will outline these priorities for the partnership to tackle rural crime. It will build on the previous partnership strategy and outline what the partnership regards as its main priorities following on from the workshop and survey feedback.
- 4.2 Having the document professionally designed will ensure that the strategy is consistent with previous reports and meets accessibility requirements. The launch event will help to cement that partnership and will lay the foundation for effective delivery.

5. Options Analysis

- 5.1 The PFCC could opt not to support this decision, but without a strategy it will be challenging to provide a vision and mission to enable partners to protect rural and isolated areas.

6. Consultation and Engagement

- 6.1 The PFCCs office have consulted with Essex Police, the Essex Rural Partnership and local farmers who are supportive of being involved with the strategy development and / or workshops.

7. Strategic Links

- 7.1 The proposed strategy would support the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan on increasing collaboration and protecting rural and isolated areas, as working with key stakeholders will enable the working group to appropriately plan what the next Rural Crime Strategy will include. It will have strong links into the Essex Rural Partnership strategy, working with rural communities to help them build greater resilience and keep them safe.

8. Police operational implications

- 8.1 Essex Police are involved in the development and ownership of the strategy and are fully supportive and committed to the delivery.

9. Financial implications

- 9.1 This is unbudgeted activity and as such the PFCC will need to allocate £7,300 for the development of the strategy from the 2021-22 underspend.

Breakdown as follows:

Workshops £200
Rural Crime Survey £1,600
Design of the strategy £2,000
Print £1,500
Launch Event £2,000

10. Legal implications

10.1 There are no legal implications identified in the development of the strategy.

11. Staffing implications

11.1 There have been no staff implications identified. Delivery of the strategy will be carried out by existing staff.

12. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion implications

12.1 There are no diversity or equality implications in the development of the strategy, but full consideration to all equality and diversity matters will be given in the implementation of the strategy.

13. Risks and Mitigations

13.1 There have been no identified risks.

14. Governance Boards

14.1 The strategy will be discussed and presented at the Rural Crime Forum, Essex Rural Partnership Board and relevant thematic boards within Essex Police.

15. Links to Future Plans

15.1 There are no links to future plans at present.

16. Background Papers and Appendices



2017-Rural-Crime-Strategy-A4.pdf

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Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: 

Print: Roger Hirst

PFCC

Date signed: 4 May 2022

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: