

## PFCC Decision Report

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**Title of report:** Phase 2 of the Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' funding 2022/23

**Area of county / stakeholders affected:** Countywide

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### 1. **Executive Summary**

- 1.1. This report seeks approval for the allocation of **£435,780** 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 2022/23.

### 2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of £435,780 to support partner organisations to deliver against the priorities within the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Work Programme 2022/23

### 3. **Background to the Proposal**

- 3.1. This funding supports delivery against the Essex Violence & Vulnerability work programme, supported by the V&V partnership. The 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 comes from the joint V&V budget; a pooled partnership budget including Home Office, PFCC and Essex County Council funding which will deliver on the aims and ambitions of the V&V partnership business case.

#### 4. Proposal and Associated Benefits

4.1. 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'.

The PFCC will provide the following funding allocations;

Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services (Evvys)	ECVYS CEO working with Essex VVU on a part time basis two days a week, leading on 'voices of communities' workstream and resource from ECVYS to research community and voluntary sector organisations as part of extending VVU reach into community and voluntary sector.	£37,000
Stratac Logical Ltd	County Lines courses (part of workforce development)	£9,100
Esafety training	Online grooming training	£7,500
Essex Police	Positive Action Roadshows, contribution to partnership element costs, including speakers, for elements relating to knife crime.	£4,000
Active Southend (Southend Council)	Enrichment programme in Southend alternative education provision. Within identified schools providing educational positive activities, as part of increasing school engagement. Through this approach significantly reducing risks of further exclusion, increasing attendance, and for some of the children and young people enabling a return to mainstream placements.	£56,000
Achieve, Thrive & Flourish (Southend)	Working to provide enhanced support to 16-17-year olds in supported accommodation, including coaching and employability skills (in Southend).	£25,000
St Giles Trust (Thurrock)	Enrichment programme in Thurrock alternative education provision. Within identified schools providing educational positive activities, as part of increasing school engagement. Through this approach significantly reducing risks of further exclusion, increasing attendance, and for some children and young people, enabling a return to mainstream provision. Through this work outreach is provided to other Thurrock schools in identified areas, to share the approach and learning.	£55,000
Essex Police	"Research/Triage/Opportunities officer", hosted within Essex Police. The primary function of this role relates to tertiary prevention, using various sources of information from different agencies and systems to identify people from the High Risk cohort who could be at a "reachable/teachable moment" and who are involved or exploited through knife enabled or drug driven violence linked to Gangs/County	£23,000

	lines. Using this information to triage individuals to see if they are suitable for the Prevent, Prepare and Protect; Op Raptor Safeguarding officers; Reroute; Justice and Care or any other agency to lead on and progress with an invitation to intervention. Where appropriate, this role would provide intelligence into the missing and child exploitation forums across the county to ensure those young people identified, are referenced through these forums (either as could already be known to them) or to be referred into and considered as part of these multi-agency forums.	
Active Essex Foundation (AEF) & Essex Boys and Girls Club (EBGC)	Voluntary sector partners, AEF and EBGC, leading the V&V secondary prevention area of work. Recognising their roles within their own organisations are funded for a specific purpose and not appropriate or possible for them to undertake the role of a workstream lead without reimbursement. This fund to cover the costs of their time as leads for secondary prevention.	£16,000
Essex County Council	V&V Communications secondment from Essex County Council, the cost of this for April 2022 to September 2022	£19,000
Essex County Council	Team Around the Family Support Officer (TAFSO) working in identified areas within Basildon and Tendring (April – Sept '22), working in primary and secondary schools.	£37,980
Colchester Council	Mentoring programmes delivered through not for profit organisations with connections to local communities.	£11,000
Colchester Borough Homes	Learning disability (LD) and autism staff member in Greenstead Community Centre, as part of the neighbourhood engagement approach. A range of services are provided from this centre, including a focus on young people at risk of falling out of education. Identified need for a tailored approach which addresses the needs of young people with LD and autism.	£7,700
Rainbow Services (Harlow)	Rainbow working with Harlow Community Safety Partnership working with identified young people at risk of exclusion or on the boundaries of crime.	£18,000
ATF (Southend)	'Community Development Project' delivered in identified areas of Southend. This comprises a 6-step programme customised for targeted cohorts of young people.	£25,000
UTurn (Tendring)	U-Turn working with Tendring Community Safety Partnership to deliver a targeted programme with young people at risk, in identified areas in Tendring.	£29,000
Q&A	Evaluation pre and post for campaign (aimed at parents about knife crime). Market research agency, commissioned after competitive pitch to deliver pre and post campaign questionnaire to Essex parents to benchmark attitudes to knife crime. Research to be online, face to face; two waves and full evaluation provided.	£30,000
Zest	Rerun County Lines campaign (social media). Campaign to focus on online advertising spend on the social media channels young people are using; audience segmented to	£16,000

	ensure the reach is Essex young people. Also planning on trialling some localised outdoor advertising in Southend.	
Filming (provider to be identified)	Filming content for the knife crime campaign. This brief will go out for agencies to pitch for. Based on VVU research proposed approach is to make some short films suitable for social media that adults can share on their own channels and Facebook groups.	£9,500
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£435,780</b>

## 5. Options Analysis

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. Consultation and Engagement

6.1. This proposal has been informed by the V&V Operations Group and delivers against the activity outlined in the V&V business case, approved by the V&V Roundtable in June 2022.

## 7. Strategic Links

7.1. 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.

## 8. Police operational implications

8.1. Essex Police is well engaged with this programme at a strategic and operational level.

## 9. Financial implications

9.1. The PFCC will allocate one-off grants to the value of **£435,780** from the 2022/23 Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' to the range of organisations as outlined in section 4.1 above.

9.2. This joint budget is made up of funding the PFCC receives from the Home Office of £2,040,000 Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) funding, a contribution from Essex County Council (£500,000) and investment from the PFCC's Community Safety Fund (£600,000).

9.3. This is the second tranche of funding from this combined 'V&V Joint Budget' in 2022/23 to transfer funding to local delivery partners.

## 10. Legal implications

10.1 This funding will be subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement.

## **11. Staffing implications**

- 11.1. 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.

## **12. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion implications**

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. 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.
- 12.3. 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

## **13. Risks and Mitigations**

- 13.1. 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.

## **14. Governance Boards**

- 14.1 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 2022/23 Violence and Vulnerability Work Programme has been signed-off by the Round Table, as part of the V&V business case agreed, (at their meeting on 13th June 2022).
- 14.1 The V&V Operations Board has responsibility for ensuring oversight of delivery of 2022/23 V&V Work Programme and appropriate reporting of progress to the V&V Round Table.

## **15. Links to Future Plans**

- 15.1 This work supports delivery of the Police & Crime Plan and the multi-year V&V business case.

## **16. Background Papers and Appendices**

- 16.1. None



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**Print:** Roger Hirst

**PFCC**

**Date signed:** 3 August 2022

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