

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Proposed allocation of the PFCC Safer Streets Earmarked Reserve
Area of county / stakeholders affected: Clacton, Southend, Harlow
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1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to propose that the funding identified for Safer Streets projects, and set up as an earmarked reserve in 2021/22, be used to launch the potential awards for PFCC Safer Streets Funding. The launch is proposed as a targeted offer, to areas with unfunded bids from the national Safer Street Rounds (SSRs).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. For the PFCC to launch a PFCC's Safer Streets Funding Round for Essex, using the £1.755m reserve earmarked for this purpose.
- 2.2. The launch should be a focused communication, to areas with unfunded bids from the SSRs, requesting an updated bid be submitted to the PFCC.
- 2.3. The PFCC should hold an allowance for inflation, based on the CPI movement since the original bids were submitted. This will mean holding up to £135,722 of the earmarked reserve for inflation purposes.
- 2.4. It is recommended that the following criteria be used for the resubmitted bids
 - 2.4.1 **Communication:** A communication from the PFCC will be sent to the leaders of the relevant Districts / Boroughs. Bids will not, at this stage, be accepted from any Council areas that have not been expressly invited by the PFCC to bid.

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- 2.4.2 **Timescales:** The bids will be permitted to run across the 2022/23 and 2023/24 financial years, with the final delivery deadline being no later than 30 September 2023.
- 2.4.3 **Bidder eligibility** will be only the areas with unfunded bids from previous SSRs and should be broadly in line with the original bids
- 2.4.4 **Maximum bid amount:** Will be equal to the original bid value, although the PFCC will hold an inflation reserve equal to the CPI increase since the bids were submitted in the relevant SSR, which may be applied where justified.
- 2.4.5 For SSR2 bids we will hold 10.4% and for SSR3 bids we will hold 8.5%.
- 2.4.6 **Matched funding:** The areas will be asked to identify up to 50% of match funding. The contribution can take a range of forms, including a financial / cash contribution; staff time; volunteer time, or as part of the commitment to maintain interventions in future years. Where 50% cannot be identified, the PFCC may be able to consider a lower threshold for the match funding (SSR2 required 20% match funding, SSR3 required no match funding and SSR4 required 50% match funding).
- 2.4.7 **Target crime / issue types:** These will be in line with the original bid to the SSR but, where possible, should also consider improving feelings of safety in public places from violence against women and girls (VAWG) and / or anti-social behaviour (ASB).
- 2.4.8 **Area requirements:** The area will be broadly in line with the original bid.
- 2.4.9 **Crime benchmark:** There will be no mandatory crime benchmark for this round. The resubmitted bids will not be required to demonstrate that the target area meets a certain level of crime. Going forward, new rounds of Safer Streets bids, to be funded from the Essex Safer Streets Funds, will include specific crime benchmarks.

3. Benefits of the proposal

- 3.1. The unfunded bids have already been reviewed by the PFCC and are considered credible bids. We also know that at least one of these bids was close to being awarded funding by the Home Office.
- 3.2. In funding these bids, the PFCC will have covered all Safer Street priorities identified to date for Safer Street funding in Essex. This will allow the PFCC to move on to identify further areas for any future national or local funding, without any concern that previous priorities have not been resolved.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. The PFCC has submitted 10 SSR bids in total to the Home Office (three to SSR2, three to SSR3 and four to SSR4), as detailed below in figures 1, 2 and 3.
- 4.2. For SSR2, bids were submitted to the Home Office on 25 March 2021 as detailed in figure 1 below. The Home Office awarded the Primary bid, however the Clacton and Southend bids were not funded. These two areas should form part of the targeted launch of the fund.

Figure 1

SSR2		
Primary Bid - Grays (Town Centre)		
Deliverable	Cost	
Installation of 14 CCTV Cameras	£89,629	
Increased lighting – high street	£56,000	
Increased lighting 50 lights	£101,749	
Community Engagement Officers	£86,122	
Business Watch	£2,000	
Crime prevention e-learning training package	£40,000	
Community Safety days of action	£40,000	
Essex Fire Safe and Well visits	£1,500	
Project officer (admin costs)	£15,000	
Total Cost Home Office Bid	£432,000	69%
Total Match Funding	£193,380	31%
Total Cost	£625,380	
Secondary Bid - Clacton		
Deliverable	Cost	
Installation of CCTV Cameras	£210,500	
Improved lighting	£35,300	
CCTV operators (grade ¾) 74 hrs p/week	£51,400	
Location of CCTV operators to be in Community Safety Hub	£30,000	
Crime prevention e-learning training package	£40,000	
Crime prevention surveys - businesses	£10,300	
Vehicle Crime prevention	£6,500	
Community Safety days of action	£30,000	
Essex Fire Safe and Well visits	£3,000	
Project officer	£15,000	
Total Cost Home Office Bid	£432,000	80%
Total Match Funding	£108,380	20%
Total Cost	£540,380	
Tertiary Bid - Southend		
Deliverable	Cost	
Mobile Van CCTV Camera	£70,000	
Additional CCTV	£101,710	
Lighting	£69,590	
Acquisitive crime coordinator	£30,000	
Crime Prevention engagement	£73,200	
Crime prevention e-learning training package	£40,000	
Community Safety days of action	£30,000	
Essex Fire Safe and Well visits	£1,500	
Project officer (admin costs)	£16,000	
Total Cost Home Office Bid	£432,000	80%
Total Match Funding	£108,580	20%
Total Cost	£540,580	
Total Cost Home Office Bids	£1,296,000	76%
Total Match Funding	£410,340	24%
Total Cost	£1,706,340	

- 4.3. For SSR3, bids were submitted to the Home Office on 15 July 2021. The detail of the bids is shown in figure 2 below. The Home Office awarded the Primary bid, however the Colchester and Harlow bids were not funded.
- 4.4. The Colchester bid was subsequently refined, with the two areas in the original bid being submitted as two separate bids in SSR4. As a consequence, Colchester's more up to date bid from SSR4, should only be considered, rather than this unfunded SSR3 bid. Therefore, only Harlow should form part of the targeted launch of the fund from this round.

Figure 2

SSR3	
Primary Bid - Chelmsford (Bunny Walks)	
Deliverable	Cost
CCTV Cameras	£164,753
Increased lighting	£20,000
University student engagement	£20,000
Additional security fencing	£25,000
Landscaping – volunteer engagement	£15,000
Digital engagement	£40,000
School Engagement – Healthy relationships	£13,247
Detached youth work	£15,000
Bar 'n' Bus	£10,000
Community Safety days of action	£43,000
Chelmsford City Football engagement	£20,000
Safe Spaces	£25,000
London Bus Theatre	£15,000
Harmful Sexual Behaviours (HSB)	£70,000
Chelmsford SOS bus	£19,000
Street Pastors	£10,000
Project officer (admin costs) /	£25,000
Total Cost Home Office Bid	£550,000
Total Match Funding	
Total Cost	£550,000
Secondary Bid - Colchester (Greenstead and Town Centre)	
Deliverable	Cost
Replacement of CCTV cameras and additional new cameras	£156,470
Use of mobile CCTV	£10,000
Increase CCTV signage	£5,000
Wayfinding project	£80,000
Detached Youth Worker	£8,000
Supporting university student engagement	£5,000
Mentoring/Buddy scheme – exploring with Essex University	£5,000
Consent awareness in partnership with University of Essex	£5,000
Multi-agency centre (MAC)	£40,000
Balling with a Bobby (Police engagement)	£10,000
Project Officer	£25,000
Community Safety days of action	£45,000
Community Based Garden Project (YES and Go Greenstead)	£10,000
ATF Community (partnership with YES)	£19,820
YMCA – Keeping Girls Safe	£7,260
Women's Night Safety Charter	£13,160
Vulnerability Training	£5,000
Street Scape Review	£4,240
Drink Aware Crews	£18,078
Youth Enquiry Service (YES) – young girl mentoring	£11,132
East light – working with secondary schools' healthy relationships	£7,000
Development of Community group	£20,000
Drink spiking campaign	£16,595
Volunteer Nature Reserve	£15,966
Total Cost Home Office Bid	£542,721
Total Match Funding	
Total Cost	£542,721
Tertiary Bid - Harlow	
Deliverable	Cost
CCTV	£163,000
School engagement – healthy relationships	£30,000
Landscape and lighting improvement	£140,000
Community Safety days of action	£40,000
Changing Lives project	£45,000
Essex Youth Service	£20,000
London bus	£20,000
Social media/ digital comms	£20,000
Project Officer	£25,000
Drink Spiking Campaign	£16,595
Sports diversionary	£20,000
Total Cost Home Office Bid	£539,595
Total Match Funding	
Total Cost	£539,595
Total Cost Home Office Bids	£1,632,316
Total Match Funding	
Total Cost	£1,632,316

- 4.5. For SSR4, bids were submitted on 13 May 2022, as detailed in figure 3 below. The Home Office has awarded funds to all four bids.

Figure 3

SSR4	
Primary Bid - Epping (Paternoster - Waltham Abbey)	
Deliverable	Cost
Installation of CCTV systems in hotspot areas	£132,000
Diversions Activities- youth intervention	£30,000
Environmental Crime- Fly tipping	£100,000
Community Safety days of action. Crime prevention advice.	£12,000
Area enhancement	£16,000
Healthy Relationships	£5,000
Bin storage and metal fillgree work	£43,000
Total Cost Home Office Bid	£338,000 67%
Total Match Funding	£169,000 33%
Total Cost	£507,000
Secondary Bid - Colchester (Greenstead)	
Deliverable	Cost
Mobile CCTV	£20,000
Pathway widening	£2,200
Community Safety days of action	£20,000
Dedicated Neighbourhood Warden for Greenstead	£40,000
'Not Me Too' Production & Ambassador Programme	£54,543
Girls with Goals Youth Project	£30,800
Engagement Event – University of Essex	£6,500
Wayfinding Project	£80,000
Project Officer	£10,000
Total Cost Home Office Bid	£264,043 54%
Total Match Funding	£226,492 46%
Total Cost	£490,535
Tertiary Bid - Braintree (Witham)	
Deliverable	Cost
CSP Project Manager	£45,368
Install 11 static CCTV cameras	£70,500
Upgrade flats access control	£15,000
Install signage and Improve environment	£8,979
Quarterly newsletters to engage the community	£1,500
Neighbourhood Watch / Crimestoppers Awareness / Dog Watch	£9,400
Property marking / personal safety alarms / immobilisation registration	£2,635
Counselling/therapy for victims of sexual violence	£12,500
Training package for licensed premises managers and staff/ Ask Angela Campaign	£5,700
Sports Development Officer	£30,000
Outreach sports programme and self-defence programme for women	£13,000
2 x part time Street Wardens to cover night time hours	£82,620
Total Cost Home Office Bid	£297,202 66%
Total Match Funding	£150,506 34%
Total Cost	£447,708
Quaternary Bid - Colchester (Town Centre)	
Deliverable	Cost
Project Officer	£10,000
'Not Me Too' Production and Ambassador Programme	£54,550
Online Business Crime Reduction Partnership Portal	£20,000
Vulnerability training	£48,000
Town Centre Audit and Crime Reduction Programme	£30,000
Best Bar None (BBN)	£29,000
Ask for Angela	£22,000
SOS BUS	£50,000
Nights of Action	£20,000
Total cost Home Office Bid	£283,550 51%
Total Match Funding	£273,645 49%
Total Cost	£557,195
Total Costs Home Office Bids	£1,182,795 59%
Total Match Funding	£819,643 41%
Total Cost	£2,002,438

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

- 5.1. Do nothing - The PFCC could release the Safer Streets reserve and not use it for the purpose for which it was intended. However, given this is an investment type which is directly in line with the priorities in the Police and Crime Plan, that would not be a recommended option.
- 5.2. The PFCC could launch the funding without targeting it at the unfunded SSR bids. However, these bids were previously considered by the PFCC as being required investment and were considered sound for submission to the Home Office for funding. These areas should therefore have the opportunity to update the bids and submit them for PFCC funding.

6. Police and Crime Plan

- 6.1. This funding supports priorities in the Police and Crime Plan including, in particular, the priority relating to investment in crime prevention and the priority to reduce violence against women and girls

7. Police operational implications

- 7.1. Essex Police has been fully involved in the original development of the bids and any funding requirements for operational policing have been considered. Chief Officers were also engaged with and endorsed the original bids.

8. Financial implications

- 8.1. The Safer Streets earmarked reserve is £1.755m.
- 8.2. Following the redesign of the Colchester bid and its success in SSR4, there are only three remaining unfunded bids, which total £ £1.779m, including the original match funding and after adding an inflation allowance.
- 8.3. Based on previous levels, match funding is £239,524 of which £22,564 is an inflation allowance.
- 8.4. Based on the Home Office bids, the PFCC funding requirement is £1.539m, of which £135,722 is an inflation allowance.
- 8.5. The earmarked reserve is sufficient to fund the original cost of the bids and the inflation, leaving £215,683 in the reserve, which can be used towards future Essex funded Safer Streets rounds.
- 8.6. The detail of the original bids for the areas that should be asked to update their bids and resubmit them to the PFCC are included at figure 4, which also shows the inflation allowance that may, if properly justified, be added to the bid value.
- 8.7. The funding is planned to be spent within 12 months, meaning that some funds will be required in 2023/24. Therefore, that part of the earmarked reserve will be carried forward to ensure that the funding is still available.
- 8.8. The funding is to be used by 30 September 2023.

Figure 4

SSR Unfunded Bids									
SSR2 Secondary Bid - Clacton									
Deliverable		Cost							
Installation of CCTV Cameras		£210,500							
Improved lighting		£35,300							
CCTV operators (grade ¾) 74 hrs p/week		£51,400							
Location of CCTV operators to be in Community Safety Hub		£30,000							
Crime prevention e-learning training package		£40,000							
Crime prevention surveys - businesses		£10,300							
Vehicle Crime prevention		£6,500							CPI addition
Community Safety days of action		£30,000							
Essex Fire Safe and Well visits		£3,000							
Project officer		£15,000							CPI addition
Total Cost Home Office Bid		£432,000		80%	£476,928	80%	£44,928	80%	
Total Match Funding		£108,380		20%	£119,652	20%	£11,272	20%	
Total Cost		£540,380			£596,580		£56,200		
SSR2 Tertiary Bid - Southend									
Deliverable		Cost							
Mobile Van CCTV Camera		£70,000							
Additional CCTV		£101,710							
Lighting		£69,590							
Acquisitive crime coordinator		£30,000							
Crime Prevention engagement		£73,200							
Crime prevention e-learning training package		£40,000							
Community Safety days of action		£30,000							
Essex Fire Safe and Well visits		£1,500							
Project officer (admin costs)		£16,000							CPI addition
Total Cost Home Office Bid		£432,000		80%	£476,928	80%	£44,928	80%	
Total Match Funding		£108,580		20%	£119,872	20%	£11,292	20%	
Total Cost		£540,580			£596,800		£56,220		
SSR3 Tertiary Bid - Harlow									
Deliverable		Cost							
CCTV		£163,000							
School engagement – healthy relationships		£30,000							
Landscape and lighting improvement		£140,000							
Community Safety days of action		£40,000							
Changing Lives project		£45,000							
Essex Youth Service		£20,000							
London bus		£20,000							
Social media/ digital comms		£20,000							
Project Officer		£25,000							
Drink Spiking Campaign		£16,595							
Sports diversionary		£20,000							
Total Cost Home Office Bid		£539,595			£585,461		£45,866		CPI addition
Total Match Funding							£0		
Total Cost		£539,595			£585,461		£45,866		
Total Cost Home Office Bids		£1,403,595		87%	£1,539,317	87%	£135,722		
Total Match Funding		£216,960		13%	£239,524	13%	£22,564		
Total Cost		£1,620,555			£1,778,840		£158,285		
CPI weighted average 9.8%									

9. Legal implications

9.1. The award of the grant will be subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement with the addition of the data monitoring arrangements we require on the progress of the bid.

10. Staffing implications

10.1. PFCC staff resources will be required for the targeted communication, reviewing the revised bids, developing grant agreements, allocating funds, monitoring progress and conducting post implementation reviews.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

- 11.1. The PFCC has a responsibility to comply with the Public Sector Equality Duty as laid out in our equality and diversity policy. The partners we are working with also recognise this equality duty within their policies.

12. Risks

- 12.1. There is a risk that the unfunded bids no longer require this funding. However, at the time the original bids were submitted to the Home Office, analysis was completed by Essex Police, using Safer Streets eligibility criteria and local knowledge to check the reasonableness of the chosen areas. These were further tested by environmental visual audits conducted by Essex Police Crime Prevention Officers. Additionally, applications were developed with the support of each area.
- 12.2. The PFCC would require an explanation as to why the funding was no longer required, which would include understanding what has changed in the area and / or what replacement funding has since been accessed.
- 12.3. There is the risk that the categories of expenditure within the bids have risen in cost by substantially more than CPI, meaning the bid is no longer affordable within the maximum bid value. However, there are still funds in the earmarked reserve that could be considered for allocation, and the match funding is expected to be higher than in the original bids.

13. Governance Boards

- 13.1. The original bids were presented to the Essex Police Chief Officers Group (COG) and the PFCC's Senior Management Team (SMT). The PFCC's SMT has also reviewed this proposal to consider the resubmission of updated unfunded bids.

14. Background Papers

- 14.1. There are no background papers attached to this report.

Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the PFCC’s Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC.

Chief Executive / M.O.

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Print: P. Brent-Isherwood

Date: 10 August 2022

Chief Financial Officer

Sign

Print: Janet Perry

Date: 03 August 2022

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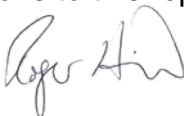
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