

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Ninefields Youth Club

Area of county / stakeholders affected: Epping Forest district

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Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report proposes the allocation of £5,500 funding from the PFCC's Community Safety Fund to Ninefields Residents Association to deliver a weekly youth club on the estate.

Recommendations

- 2.1. The PFCC agrees to allocate £5,500 from the 2022-23 CSF to Ninefields Residents Association.

Background to the Proposal

- 3.1. Ninefields residents Association originally submitted an application to the PFCC's Crime Prevention Fund for a youth club to support local young people. The panel provided feedback that the costs of the project were too high and that the bidder should review how to make the offer more affordable. A new bid has been submitted, reducing the costs from £20,000 to £5,500 largely by reducing equipment costs, securing match funding from partners, and identifying alternative accommodation options.

Proposal and Associated Benefits

- 4.1. Ninefields Residents Association is planning to set up a weekly youth club for young people aged 11-16, supported by Epping Forest District Council. This

project would provide diversionary activities to help prevent antisocial behaviour. Activities would include things like, sporting activities; arts & crafts; cooking; music/music production, outreach work, first Aid and life skills.

- 4.2. The proximity to London, and good transport links, make the area susceptible to travelling criminality, and drug activity within the estate which increases risk to young people and those vulnerable to exploitation. This project intends to divert at-risk people away from potential criminality by giving them positive diversion into meaningful activity.

Options Analysis

- 5.1 The PFCC has the option not to support this project, but Epping Forest was one of the few areas where a local project was not supported from the recent Crime Prevention Fund. This would help to redress that imbalance. The revised proposal offers improved value for money for the PFCC as it has significantly reduced the cost and attracted match-funding.

Consultation and Engagement

- 6.1. This proposal was discussed at the Crime Prevention Fund evaluation panel on 28th April 2022. It was agreed that whilst the panel were supportive of the concept, they felt the costs were too high. This amended proposal has reduced the costs of the project from £20,000 to £5,500 whilst maintaining the integrity of the project.

Strategic Links

- 7.1. This work delivers against the PFCC's Police and Crime Plan objective to invest in crime prevention, reduce drug driven violence and encourage volunteers and community support.

Police operational implications

- 8.1. No direct operational implications on Essex Police, although it is hoped that the project would contribute to a reduction in crime and ASB in the area.

Financial implications

- 9.1. The PFCC will allocate a one-off grant of £5,500 from the 2022-23 Community Safety Fund to Ninefields Residents Association. The project benefits from match-funding of £7,940 from Essex County Council and Barnardo's.

Legal implications

- 10.1. This grant will be governed by the PFCC's standard grant agreement.

Staffing implications

- 11.1. The monitoring of this grant will require PFCC resource. It is expected that this will be delivered by the Commissioning Officer (once in post)

12. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion implications

- 12.1 This youth club is intended to engage all local young people aged 11-16. The offers will be mixed and varied to maximise the likelihood of attracting the desired cohort. It is run by the local residents' association with support of the Community Safety Partnership and local authority, which should ensure there

is a good understanding of the target cohort. The PFCC can ensure monitoring includes demographic and D&E measures.

13. Risks and Mitigations

13.1 No identified risks associated with this funding

14. Governance Boards

14.1 This proposal is supported by the local Community Safety Partnership, which has endorsed the application and committed to support the activity.

15. Links to Future Plans

15.1 This proposal will support the PFCC to deliver against the Police & Crime Plan as well as supporting the priorities of the local CSP. It also aligns to work being undertaken as part of Safer Streets round 4.

16. Background Papers and Appendices

16.1 n/a

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I agree the recommendations to this report:

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Print: Roger Hirst

PFCC

Date signed: 06 October 2022

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