

## PFCC Decision Report

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<b>Title of report:</b> Phase 3 of the Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' funding 2022/23
<b>Area of county / stakeholders affected:</b> Countywide
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### 1. **Executive Summary**

- 1.1. This report seeks approval for the allocation of **£578,707** 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 **£578,707** 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 County Council	V&V Communications secondment from Essex County Council, the cost of this for October and November 2022	£4,107
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.	£4,000
St Andrews Healthcare	Community Safety Treatment Requirements (CSTR)	£5,000
Essex County Council	V&V youth offending manager secondment from Essex County Council, 2022/23	£68,900
Essex Police	V&V police inspector secondment from Essex Police, 2022/23	£62,600
Chelmsford Council	An area of central Chelmsford - environmental improvements (in response to VV listening projects)	£7,000
Thurrock Council	Koala Park - environmental improvements (in response to VV listening projects)	£7,000
Southend Council	Warrior Square - - environmental improvements (in response to VV listening projects)	£7,000
Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner	Project manager working as part of the multi-agency Violence & Vulnerability Unit core team, 2022/23	£68,300
Probation	High risk cohort intervention worker, providing one to one intervention work (April - September 2022)	£32,500
Thurrock Council	Exploitation worker (contribution to), working with vulnerable children and young people	£14,000
Thurrock Council	Early help offer, delivering early intervention workshops in schools and working with identified families	£41,300
Southend Council	Early help offer, delivering early intervention workshops in schools and working with identified families	£41,300
Thurrock Council	Walk online roadshows, awareness programmes in identified schools linked to resilience and raising awareness of online threats and risk of harm during transition stages	£2,500

Thurrock Council	Detached youth work in West Memorial Park, Thurrock	£3,200
Essex County Council	Missing and Child Exploitation (MACE) worker - bringing together data on disruptions to tackle exploitation in community hotspots; improving quadrant level information flows on hotspots/disruptions/prevention activities and identification of peer groups/associates to support MACE delivery	£38,000
Essex County Council	Re-route, young people identified through police activity, prior to court activity, strength-based work looking at issues causing risk to the young person. Targeted youth advisor input to the programme	£32,000
Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services (ECVYS)	Bespoke projects in response to listening projects, led by voluntary sector partners	£35,000
Thurrock Council	Olive Academy - live outreach programme for all secondary schools in borough to reduce school exclusions	£45,000
The Children's Society	CARE programme, working with those at risk of exploitation	£60,000
		£578,707

## 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 Business Case, 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 reducing drug driven 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 **£578,707** 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 third 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).

- 14.2. 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

**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. Sign:  .....

Print: Darren Horsman - Deputy Monitoring Officer .....

Date: 8/11/2022 .....

Chief Finance Officer Sign:  .....

Print: Janet Perry .....

Date: 19 December 2022 .....

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