

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Phase 5 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 **£352,995** 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 **£352,995** 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 used 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 Police	Emptying Knife bins (contract managed via Essex Police, contribution to this from PFCC)	£5,000
Essex Police	V&V police inspector secondment from Essex Police, 2022/23 (remaining costs for 2022/23, January – March 2023)	£23,546
Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner	V&V communications officer (November 2022 - March 2023)	£16,300
Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner	V&V project support officer (November 2022 - March 2023)	£16,500
Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner	V&V data scientist (November 2022 - March 2023)	£21,100
Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner	V&V evaluation and impact officer (February - March 2023)	£3,200
Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner	V&V partnerships and policy officer (February - March 2023)	£6,500
Essex County Council	Roles: targeted youth advisor (February - March 2023)	£5,500
Ranch	Filming case studies	£4,200
To be identified	Filming - outlining to young people what happens when they are arrested (to be developed using the voice of Essex young people). Based on feedback from young people, including from Reroute project.	£4,600
Various / To be identified	VVU promotional information, including annual report production	£4,500
Southend Council	Trauma Informed Training, arranged in partnership with Safeguarding Boards	£8,500
Essex County Council	Trauma Informed Training, arranged in partnership with Safeguarding Boards	£9,500
Thurrock Council	Trauma Informed Training, arranged in partnership with Safeguarding Boards	£8,500
Abertay University	Evaluation of high risk cohort - first part	£7,500

To be identified	Serious Violence Strategic Needs Assessment - review of needs assessments in relation to this	£5,000
Basildon Council	Localities work with local organisations, identified through local conversations; DJ Academy/Eruption Radio; Achieve Thrive and Flourish; and Street Doctors	£11,129
Thurrock Council	Secondary prevention outreach work into primary schools, working in identified areas within Thurrock	£22,000
Essex County Council	Team Around the Family Support Officer (TAFSO) working in identified areas within Basildon and Tendring (October 2022 -March 2023), working in primary and secondary schools.	£54,420
Basildon Council	Laindon - environmental improvements (in response to VV listening projects), including CCTV.	£11,000
Thurrock Council	Koala Park - environmental improvements (in response to VV listening projects)	£7,000
Essex County Council	Basildon & Thurrock University Hospital Youth Service project 2022-23 (<i>1st October 2022 to 31st March 2023, payment two of two</i>)	£70,000
Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services	Listening projects with communities (including conversations with young people across the county, through youth service provision, voluntary sector; funding towards young people conference, ECVYS Youth Voices on 22 nd October 2022; extra resource from ECVYS with overseeing development of grants programme and secondary prevention funding	£10,000
Essex County Fire & Rescue Service	Essex Police and Essex County Fire & Rescue Service, working in identified areas to deliver safety messages (including about knife crime).	£17,500
		£352,995

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. It will also deliver against the V&V business case.

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 **£352,995** 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 fifth tranche of funding from this combined 'V&V Joint Budget' in 2022/23 to transfer funding to local delivery partners. The previous tranches of funding from the 'V&V Joint Budget' are decision sheet 30/22 for £245,000; decision sheet 103/22 for £435,780; decision sheet 157/22 for £578,707; and decision sheet 177/22 for £24,900

10. Legal implications

- 10.1 This funding will be subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement and the PFCC will pick up legal responsibility for new permanent members of staff as identified in section 11.

11. Staffing implications

- 11.1 The PFCC office has recruited the following posts on a permanent basis;
- V&V communications officer,
 - V&V project support officer,
 - V&V data scientist,
 - V&V evaluation and impact officer, and,
 - V&V partnerships and policy officer.

The PFCC has recruited these posts, as a key element of the V&V partnership's long-term approach to address serious violence. As part of developing the case for investment for the V&V partnership, research was undertaken to consider the most effective model for responding to serious violence through a partnership and evidence led approach. The case for investment was approved by the V&V Roundtable in June 2022.

The PFCC will have responsibility for the employment of these new permanent staff members.

- 11.2 Employment of other staff members either on fixed term, permanent or as sessional workers as part of the other interventions within this decision sheet will be the responsibility of the relevant delivery organisation. No liability for the continuation of those 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 recommends the projects and areas of activity within this decision sheet. These formed part of the agenda of the V&V Operations Board at meetings on 14th July 2022 and 31st October 2022. The V&V Operations Board provides 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

Date: 24 January 2023

Chief Finance Officer

Sign:



Print: Janet Perry

Date: 30 January 2023

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Date signed: 03 February 2023

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