

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report:

Phase 6 of the Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' 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 £322,548 from the Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' to the organisations detailed in section 4.2 below for delivery against the objectives set out in the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Work Programme 2022/23.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That the PFCC approves the allocation of £322,548 from the Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' 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 and Vulnerability Work Programme, supported by the Violence and Vulnerability Unit, Round Table and Operations Group. 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 Violence and Vulnerability budget; a pooled partnership budget funded by the Home Office, PFCC and Essex County Council which will deliver on the aims and ambitions of the Violence and Vulnerability 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 Violence and Vulnerability 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'.

- 4.2. A brief summary of individual projects is included in the table below. The PFCC is recommended to provide the following funding allocations:

Organisation & geographic location	Project details	Value
Bar'n'Bus - Basildon	To deliver a targeted programme to support students at risk of exclusion within a school in Basildon, providing alternative sessions and programmes within the school environment tailored to those who struggle with mainstream education and increasing their feeling of value within the school. The programme aims to rebuild relationships between the school and student to help young people re-engage with their education, with the aim of keeping them within the school environment and not moved to a reduced timetable or alternative site provision.	£19,770
Essex Boys and Girls Club (EBGC) – Maldon, Tendring, Uttlesford & Thurrock	To deliver a targeted programme, the Respect Project, to support students at risk of exclusion within identified schools in four areas of the county. To provide an alternative education programme utilising outdoor activities and life skills sessions to help young people re-engage with their education, with the aim of keeping them within the school environment and not moved to a reduced timetable or alternative site provision.	£37,500
Riverview charitable trust - Thurrock	To deliver a targeted programme to support students at risk of exclusion within a school in Thurrock. To provide an alternative education programme through after-school support sessions to children and young people at risk of exploitation with intervention activities, with the aim of keeping them within the school environment and not moved to a reduced timetable or alternative site provision.	£24,369
Canvey Island Yellow Door – Castle Point	To deliver a targeted programme to support children and young people whose behaviour is leading to criminal behaviour, problems at school or a vulnerability to gangs,	£12,529

	with wrap-around support provided, including from mentoring and counselling service.	
Kids Inspire – County wide	To deliver a targeted programme, countywide, delivering whole-family therapeutic support. To support children, young people and their families affected by adverse childhood experiences, impacted by emotional trauma and who have an increased risk of engaging in violence, crime and gangs.	£46,800
Uturn4Support – Tendring	To deliver a targeted programme to support students at risk of exclusion within identified secondary schools in Tendring, engaging these vulnerable young people through active sports, education and mentoring.	£46,080
Changing Lives Community Services - Harlow & Colchester	To deliver a targeted programme to support children and young people within Harlow and Colchester, including sports activities (for example football, cricket and dance).	£40,000
Achieve, Thrive, Flourish - Southend	To deliver a targeted programme to support children and young people within Southend, who are identified as being at high risk of and involved in criminal activity, uncovering the realities and lived experience of destructive choices and exploring alternative pathways for success. The project includes 1:1 counselling and positive activities.	£37,000
North Avenue Youth Centre - Chelmsford	To provide additional staffing for an oversubscribed youth club providing a safe place with trusted adults in a deprived area of Chelmsford. This includes providing additional sessions, and as part of these teaching young people to cook hot meals. Through this contact and engagement, working to support the young people to access other available support and activities.	£10,000
Active Essex Foundation (AEF) – Essex County Council area	Sports Connector role, working as part of the Violence and Vulnerability Unit and with missing and child exploitation forums to match suitable community sports and mentoring providers to young people (aged 8-18yrs) identified as vulnerable. This includes children vulnerable to exploitation due to missing episodes and/or considered to be victims of exploitation.	£48,500
	TOTAL:	£322,548

5. Options Analysis

- 5.1. The PFCC could opt not to allocate this funding, but that would reduce the likelihood of the Violence and Vulnerability partnership delivering on its work programme and of 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 Violence and

Vulnerability 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 Violence and Vulnerability business case approved by the Violence and Vulnerability 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 by 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 £322,548 from the 2022/23 Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' to the range of organisations as outlined in section 4.2 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 of £500,000, with the balance of £200,000 coming from the PFCC's Community Safety Fund.
- 9.3. This is the sixth tranche of funding from this combined 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' in 2022/23 to transfer funding to local delivery partners. This decision report brings the total value of allocated funding thus far to £1,959,930.

2022/23 funding	2,740,000
DR 030/22 (phase 1 of V&V funding)	245,000
DR 103/22 (phase 2 of V&V funding)	435,780
DR 157/22 (phase 3 of V&V funding)	578,707
DR 177/22 (phase 4 of V&V funding)	24,900
DR 017/23 (phase 5 of V&V funding)	352,995
DR 025/23 (phase 6 of V&V funding)	322,548
Total allocated once DR 025/23 approved	1,959,930
2022/23 funding remaining	780,070

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. We recognise that the activities outlined in section 4.2 support and are accessible to individuals with all protected characteristics but are most likely to be targeted to young people who are profiled as being most likely to be impacted by issues relating to county lines and gangs.

12.2. 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 4.2 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 4.2 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 Violence and Vulnerability 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 its meeting on 13th June 2022.

14.2. The V&V Operations Board has responsibility for ensuring oversight of delivery of the 2022/23 V&V Work Programme and recommends the projects and areas of activity within this decision report. These formed part of the agenda of the V&V Operations Board on 30th January 2023. 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 Violence and Vulnerability 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: P. Brent-Isherwood

Date: 24 February 2023

Chief Financial Officer

Sign: 

Print: Janet Perry

Date: 09 March 2023

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Print: Roger Hirst

PFCC

Date signed: 14th March 2023

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