

## PFCC Decision Report

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**Classification** Not protectively marked

**Title of report:** Phase 4 of the Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' funding 2022/23 – secondary prevention

**Area of county / stakeholders affected:** Countywide

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### 1. **Executive Summary**

- 1.1. This report seeks approval for the allocation of **£24,900** 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 **£24,900** to support partner organisations to deliver against the priorities within the Police & Crime Plan and 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 the named local partners to support at-risk young people and to keep them in education. These bids were received as part of the VVU's secondary prevention work stream

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 the Violence & Vulnerability Business Case, 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’.

4.2. These proposals resulted from an open and competitive bid process and have been reviewed by a multi-agency panel as part of the oversight provided by the Violence & Vulnerability Operations Board.

The PFCC will provide the following funding allocations;

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 programme within the school environment tailored to those who struggle with mainstream education and increasing their feeling of value within the school aiming 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 reduced timetable or alternative site provision.	£9,900
Essex Boys and Girls Club (EBGC) - Maldon	To deliver a targeted programme; the Respect Project, to support students at risk of exclusion within a school in Maldon. Providing 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 reduced timetable or alternative site provision.	£15,000
		£24,900

**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. It may also lead to an underspend in the V&V budget and the prospect of grant funding being returned to Home Office or funding partners.

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 Partnership and informed by the analysis and expertise of the partnership evaluation panel.

## **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 **£24,900** from the 2022/23 Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' to the two 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 fourth 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; and decision sheet 157/22 for £578,707

## **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 two organisations (from the secondary prevention workstream) which 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: 21/12/2022

Chief Finance Officer

Sign:  .....

Print: Janet Perry – Chief Finance Officer

Date: 21/12/2022

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Print: Roger Hirst

**PFCC/~~Deputy PFCC~~**

**Date signed:** 23 January 2023

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