

## PFCC Decision Report

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**Title of report:** Safer Streets Funds Allocations 2023

**Area of county / stakeholders affected:** Essex-wide

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### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report seeks approval to allocate the first tranche of funding from the PFCC's Local Safer Streets Fund Round 2 and the Home Office (HO) Safer Streets Fund (SSF) Round 5. Grants up to the value of £1,093,868 will be allocated from the Local Safer Streets Fund Round 2 to the Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) detailed in section 4.1 below. Grants to the value of £999,967 will be allocated from the Home Office SSF Round 5 to the three CSPs in section 4.2.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That the PFCC approves the allocation of grants up to the value of £1,093,868 in this tranche of the 2023 PFCC Local Safer Streets Fund (Round 2).
- 2.2. That the PFCC approves the allocation of £999,967 Home Office funding via the HO's Safer Streets Round 5 to the three Community Safety Partnerships highlighted in section 4.2 below.

### 3. Background to the Proposal

- 3.1. The PFCC approved the process for allocating Round 2 of the local Safer Streets Fund via DR 101-23 on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

3.2. The Home Office launched Round 5 of the national Safer Streets Fund on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023. This fund allocated up to £1m per P(F)CC area, with individual bids invited between £200 and £500,000, with an expectation that areas would submit at least two bids. The Home Office confirmed that “This round will maintain the same focus as Round 4, aiming to reduce levels of neighbourhood crime, Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) significantly in disproportionately and persistently affected areas”.

#### 4. Proposal and Associated Benefits

4.1. The PFCC is recommended to make the following allocations from Round 2 of the PFCC Local Safer Streets Fund:

<b>CSP Area</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Braintree - Halstead	£600	Neighbourhood Watch (extracted from HO bid) - Cost to expand coverage within the area using various promotional tools such as leaflets, security items, etc.
Brentwood	£207,254	Solar Powered CCTV (Navestock) CCTV (Brentwood Town Centre) Bleed Kits Taxi Ambassadors Stronger Together - Changing perceptions of VAWG (schools educational programme) Women's Safety Campaign for businesses
Chelmsford - various	£193,717	Activity in Central Park and Broomfield Park Consultation with young women Installation of "I am Love" Sculpture (Central Park) Design and implementation of the “Make Space for Girls” initiative CCTV (The Avenues) Improved Cathedral grounds benches Hornbeam Gardens gates Hawkswood Road – bollard installation
Maldon Burnham-on Crouch	£40,873	CCTV installation and monitoring - High Street & Quayside / Burham Rail Station (exterior) Broadband for CCTV transmission to Chelmsford CCTV suite CCTV project management
Maldon - Promenade Park	£132,250	Contribution towards new Promenade Park Skate Park, including project management, design and installation, lighting, a youth shelter, CCTV, street art and a social space for young girls.

<b>CSP Area</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Maldon - Districtwide	£16,000	Women's Safety Project including: Training for schools, business and transport operators Launch event Marketing materials and social media campaigns
Rochford - Rayleigh	£119,424	Taxi Marshals Bleed Kits Bar 'n' Bus youth outreach work Essex Police anti-burglary campaign Stronger Together - Changing perceptions of VAWG (schools educational programme) Women's Safety Campaign for businesses
Southend-on-Sea	£83,750	CCTV (Ambleside Drive); infrastructure and staffing Women's self-defence classes and personal alarms
Essex Police / Vision Zero	£300,000	Proactive presence and ASB / speed enforcement in identified high priority areas
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,093,868</b>	

4.2. The PFCC is recommended to make the following allocations from Round 5 of the Home Office Safer Streets Fund:

<b>CSP Area</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Basildon	£379,144	2 x Community Safety Wardens (hospital area) 1 x specialist Violence and Domestic Abuse PC 1-Up Collective - Vulnerable young persons' sports and music diversionary project Self-defence classes for girls VAWG film production to support a women's safety campaign
Braintree - Halstead	£300,223	Project manager CCTV + monitoring (Rosemary Lane Car Park) 2 x PT Street Wardens CARA sexual violence counselling ASB Patrols - Out of hours salary costs Young persons' sports outreach / diversionary activities Self-defence classes for women and girls

<b>CSP Area</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Colchester - Mile End	£320,600	Young females' intervention programme. Behaviour change towards women and girls programme. CARA sexual violence counselling. Kicks Programme – to inspire young people through sport, mentoring and personal development. CCE / CCE training for night-time economy businesses. Ask for Angela campaign. Project officer
<b>Total</b>	<b>£999,967</b>	

## **5. Options Analysis**

- 5.1. The PFCC reviewed SSF applications from the CSPs. In some cases, areas were encouraged to be more ambitious in their proposals in order to take advantage of the opportunity for investment. The PFCC will continue to work with those district / borough / city areas that have not submitted bids to this round with the ambition to invest in each authority area in Essex.

## **6. Consultation and Engagement**

- 6.1. Individual bidders were required to undertake and document engagement activity with local partners, including key stakeholders, delivery agencies and other partners. This was a mandatory requirement for applicants and was considered as part of the evaluation process.
- 6.2. These allocations were discussed at the PFCC's Senior Management Team meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> August, Management Team meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September and Corporate Management Team meeting on 13 November 2023.

## **7. Strategic Links**

- 7.1. The PFCC's Local Safer Streets Fund aligns to commitments within the Police and Crime Plan through investment in crime prevention, reducing violence against women and girls, and reducing drug-driven violence.
- 7.2. The PFCC's Police and Crime Plan also commits to "Apply to the government's Safer Streets Fund to improve lighting, CCTV and safety in town centres and key hotspots...so that no woman or girl feels unsafe in her community or in public".
- 7.3. The focus of these proposals on VAWG will also contribute towards achieving the outcomes in the Southend, Essex and Thurrock Domestic Abuse Board (SETDAB) partnership strategy.

## **8. Police operational implications**

- 8.1. Essex Police's roads policing team will receive additional funding to be invested in activity combatting excess vehicle speed and vehicle related anti-social behaviour. The investment will increase the team's capacity to engage with identified local communities where this is an issue, provide increased levels of speed enforcement, provide a dedicated response to known locations, improve public confidence, and ultimately reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on Essex's roads.

## **9. Financial implications**

- 9.1. The PFCC will allocate £1,093,868 from the PFCC's Local Safer Streets Fund (Round 2) to the Community Safety Partnerships and Essex Police as outlined in section 4.1. There will then be £2,564,823 remaining in the Local Safer Streets Fund. The PFCC will retain this for further allocations in Round 2 and for future PFCC Local Safer Streets rounds.
- 9.2. The PFCC will allocate £999,967 of Home Office SSF Round 5 funding to the three CSPs detailed in section 4.2.

## **10. Legal implications**

- 10.1. These grants will be subject to the PFCC's standard grant agreement.
- 10.2. The PFCC has signed and returned the grant agreement for year one of the Home Office SSF Round 5 funding.

## **11. Staffing implications**

- 11.1. Employment of staff 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. As part of the application process, the PFCC included a "showstopper" question which required bidders to document the consultation they had done with local stakeholders in compiling the bid. CSPs were also invited to consider wider demographic information about the area when developing their applications.
- 12.2. The criteria of the fund included a focus on Violence against Women and Girls as well as anti-social behaviour. As a result, some of the activity is aimed specifically at women and girls, seeking to improve the perception of crime and feelings of safety among women and girls in public settings. Much of the

activity will improve general feelings of safety, for instance through CCTV, diversionary projects, taxi marshals, and improved street lighting.

### **13. Risks and Mitigations**

- 13.1. There is a risk regarding year 2 of the Home Office SSF 5 funding as there is at present no Grant Agreement for year 2. However, should there be any problems in the receipt of year 2, the PFCC will use the local Safer Street fund to cover any shortfall.

### **14. Governance Boards**

- 14.1. The creation of the PFCC's SSF was agreed via DR 101-23. These proposals were endorsed by individual CSPs and discussed and reviewed at the PFCC's Senior Management Team meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> August, Management Team meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September and Corporate Management Team on 13 November 2023.

### **15. Links to Future Plans**

- 15.1. This funding will support the PFCC to deliver against the Police and Crime Plan and the partnership domestic abuse strategy, as set out in section 7 above.
- 15.2. As set out in section 5 above, the PFCC will continue to work with those district / borough / city areas that have not submitted bids to this round with the ambition to invest in each authority area in Essex.

### **16. Background Papers and Appendices**

- 16.1. n/a

**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 November 2023

Chief Financial Officer

Sign: 

Print: Janet Perry

Date: 27 November 2023

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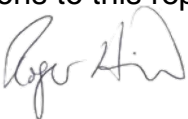
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I agree the recommendations to this report:

**Sign:** 

**Print:** Roger Hirst

**PFCC/Deputy PFCC**

**Date signed:** 29/11/2023