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| <b>Report to PCC</b>   | <b>Report reference number</b> PCC/0030/13  |
| <b>Date of Decision</b>  | <b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected</b> |
| <b>Date of Report</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2013                                    | Whole of Essex                              |
| <b>Title of report</b> Neighbourhood Watch – annual contributions budget for 2013/14 |   |
| <b>Report by</b> Ken Cocksedge   |   |
| <b>Enquiries to</b> Debbie Martin, Force Chief Financial Officer                     |   |

**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 To seek approval to pay £750 each to 14 Essex Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) districts to help them fund their 2013/14 annual running costs, at a total cost to the PCC of £10,500. The former Essex Police Authority paid £500 to each district in 2012/13, at a total cost of £7,000.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 To seek approval to pay £750 each to 14 Essex NHW districts to help them fund their 2013/14 annual running costs, at a total cost to the PCC of £10,500

**3. Benefits of Proposal**

- 3.1 To permit the NHW Executive to support their on-going work and to assist Essex Police with their requirement of the NHW to increase coverage, integration and mobilisation of the Essex NHW. In turn, this will reduce local crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour and provide reassurance to the public that the Police will work with them in crime prevention and detection.

#### **4. Background and proposal**

- 4.1 For many years, Essex Police has made an annual contribution of £500 to each of 14 Essex NHW districts to contribute to their running costs. Alan Johnson, the Chair of the Essex NHW Executive, has recently requested continuation of this funding in 2013/14 and has also highlighted a need for additional funding to support their work.
- 4.2 From 2013/14, this annual contribution is a matter for the PCC to allocate. The PCC has indicated that he would be content to agree its continuation and that he would be prepared to allocate an extra 50% (from £500 to £750) to each of the 14 districts, if the NHW can provide assurance that good use would be made of the £250 increase.
- 4.3 The NHW are open to ideas on how they can evidence that these grants will lead to a reduction in crime and disorder and some preliminary work has already been undertaken with NPC to look at a non-bureaucratic performance return that captures the good work of the NHW team. The executive would be prepared to provide regular reports on their activity and its successes / results and would like guidance on appropriate measures that could be introduced.

#### **5. Police and Crime Plan**

- 5.1 This will help meet a key objective of preventing crime and engaging with communities.

#### **6. Police Operational Implications**

- 6.1 This will assist Essex Police with their requirement of the NHW to increase coverage, integration and mobilisation of the Essex NHW.

#### **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1 Payment of £750 each to 14 Essex NHW districts to help them fund their 2013/14 annual running costs will cost a total of £10,500. The former Essex Police Authority paid £500 to each district in 2012/13 at a total cost of £7,000.
- 7.2 The use of grant monies will be monitored by the OPCC during the year with support from the Force.

#### **8. Legal Implications**

- 8.1 There are no legal implications

#### **9. Staffing and other resource implications**

9.1 There are no staffing implications

**10. Equality and Diversity implications**

10.1 There are no diversity or equality implications

**11. Background papers**

11.1 None.

**Report Approval**

The report will be signed off by the Chief Executive and CFO and the PCC Solicitor where legal implications arise.

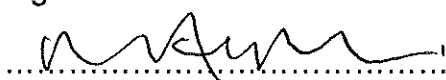
Chief Executive/M.O ..... 

Chief Financial Officer .....

PCC Legal Advisor ..... (As necessary)

**Decision**

I agree the recommendations to this report

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**PCC/Deputy PCC**

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because

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