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Report to PCC	Report reference number PCC/038/13
Date of Decision Date of Report 30 July 2013	Area of County/Stakeholders affected Countywide / the Public
Title of report: 2013/14 Whole Essex Community Budgets	
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval to allocate £272,760 for Whole Essex Community Budgets (WECB) which seeks to get public sector partners working together, delivering services that improve the lives of Essex residents whilst also cutting waste and duplication.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To approve the allocation of the above funding to support the main themes under WECB.
- 2.2. Reducing Re-offending for £35,000 Integrated Offender Management (IOM) Performance Analyst and £75,000 for Link Workers, Strengthening Communities £52,960, Reducing Domestic Abuse £65,700 for pilot to increase support around victims and £26,700 for a Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Analyst and Strategic Pool £17,400.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1 The IOM programme will underpin the 'Reducing Reoffending' strand of WECB. The proposition is based upon the Community Budget approach of trying to see and understand the whole picture and frame responses to issues that bring together previously disparate and unconnected activity into holistic, comprehensive and effective solutions, thereby improving outcomes, reducing duplication and waste.
- 3.2 The Strengthening Communities strand will employ the resources to address varying needs in their locality. This work stream will create and improve connections between individuals and across communities, as well as building a better understanding of the communities' ability to find local solutions for local problems. As part of this work stream Asset Based Community Development, or ABCD, will be undertaken across Essex to help identify and develop existing resources, abilities and insights available to local communities.
- 3.3 The proposition for the domestic abuse strand aims to address the significant impact of domestic abuse on the lives of individuals and families by the development of a MASH, to develop innovative approaches for managing the perpetrator and to remove systemic barriers to enable individuals and families to have independent and healthy lives.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1 The WECB will use the £290,000 to support the bids outlined in the business case.
- 4.2 For full details of the WECB business case click on the following link <http://www.wecb.org.uk/WECB-Projects>
- 4.3 The Business Case for Reducing Reoffending has identified that an analyst and link manager is the most pressing request. The link workers are already up and running in the south of the county through separate funding and the proposal is to extend the service across the north. The cost for an Analyst is £35,000 and Link Workers £75,000.
- 4.4 Re-offending rates are too high which places significant demand on public services and future demand. The proposal is centred upon all partner agencies adopting a common approach to offenders that seeks simultaneously to reduce their reoffending, reduce the current demand on public services by the offender via assessment and addressing their needs and ultimately reduce future demand. This will develop a multi-agency approach to reducing reoffending by bringing together, systematically, criminal justice and non-criminal justice agencies to reduce current and future demand on public services by implementing a pan-Essex multi agency strategy.

- 4.5 The Strengthening Communities bid will focus on Tendring, the most deprived Lower Level Super Output Area (LSOA) across the whole country. The area has a high proportion of people over 65 and a high proportion of people with long term health conditions. The area also has high levels of unemployment and low levels of crime. The trial will aim to improve the quality of life as well as the health and well-being of residents at a cost of £52,960.
- 4.6 Two pilots to be run whereby increased support will be placed around victims of domestic abuse for Braintree and Basildon. The pilots will run for 12 months and will see support offered to victims by non-police staff. This will be at a cost of £65,700 and the two Districts will match fund the pilots.
- 4.7 A further domestic abuse bid will fund an analyst for MASH. This is to work specifically on mapping outcomes and identifying success and savings. Victims are currently being directed to services but are not effectively monitored on success rates. The cost for analyst is £26,700.
- 4.8 These will extend and improve the multi-agency approach to Domestic Abuse will be run to develop innovative approaches for managing the perpetrator and to remove systemic barriers to enable individuals and families to have independent and healthy lives.

5. Police and Crime Plan

- 5.1. This proposal to maintain the WECB across the county supports the key priority areas in the Police and Crime Plan around:
- Reducing offending and reoffending
 - Strengthening communities
 - Reduce domestic abuse
- 5.2. It aligns with the PCCs approach to the allocation of the WECB Fund set out in the Police and Crime Plan which involves working closely with partners.
- 5.3. It also accords with the PCC's approach set out in the Police & Crime Plan where there is a continuing need to support those existing services involved in tackling the causes and consequences of crime.
- 5.4. The impact that this grant allocation has on the achievement of the Police and Crime Plan will be monitored during 2013/14.

6. Police Operational Implications

- 6.1 There are no operational implications

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 The PCC would fund £290,000 contribution to the WECB Project but will set out clear outcomes and performance monitoring arrangements to ensure that the service delivers on his priority to tackle the consequences of offending

and re-offending, reduce public sector spend and manage whole system spend and resources more effectively.

8. Legal Implications

8.1 The award of grant is subject to the PCC's standard funding agreement.

9. Staffing and other resource implications

9.1 There are no staffing issues.

9.2 There are potential resource implications for the PCCs Office as the service and performance outcomes and to a lesser extent financial performance, will have to be regularly monitored to ensure effective and efficient delivery against the Police and Crime Plan priorities.

10. Equality and Diversity implications

10.1 The continuation of this service would ensure that an underserved and hard to engage section of society would continue to have a specific element of support.

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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I do not agree the recommendations to this report because

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Publication

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Report for publication

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NO

If the report is not for publication, the Chief Executive will decide if and how the public can be informed of the decision.