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Report to PCC	Report reference number PCC/ 0094/14
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Title of report PCC NIF – Thurrock ASB case worker	
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £19,000 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the NIF to Victim Support, whose activities will contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan for Essex.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of the NIF grant to pilot an ASB case-worker in Thurrock.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1 The project involves appointing a specialist ASB case worker for a period of 12 months to pilot a new service providing emotional and practical support, including advocacy, to victims affected by ASB and hate related incidents.
- 3.2 The primary objective of the proposed service is to assist people to cope and recover from ASB and Hate Crime incidents.
- 3.3 There is a clear code for supporting victims going through the criminal justice system; however we identify many victims in the Thurrock area who experience repeat ASB victimisation and have situations/conditions that increase their vulnerability e.g. mental health problems, learning disability, drug and alcohol problems who are not supported.
- 3.4 This project will close that gap and through a cohesive multi-agency approach, provide a range of support options, including signposting to other

agencies, to assist victims of ASB and Hate Crime to cope and recover from their experience.

- 3.5 The service will also provide emotional and practical support to progress civil court actions.
- 3.6 Through delivering successful outcomes, it is anticipated that there may be an increase in reported cases.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1 A similar scheme has operated successfully in Hertfordshire but this is the first attempt to roll-out this intervention in Essex.
- 4.2 The worker will be based and work in the local community.
- 4.3 The project benefits from £10,000 match-funding from the CSP and Local Housing provider

5. Police and Crime Plan

Supports priorities in the Police and Crime Plan as follows;

- Supporting victims of crime
- Tackling the consequences
- Ensuring local solutions meet local problems
- Increasing efficiency in policing through collaborative working and innovation

6. Police Operational Implications

- 6.1 There are no operational implications

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 The PCC would fund a £19,000 contribution to Victim Support.

8. Legal Implications

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

9. Staffing and other resource implications



- 9.1 There are no staffing issues

10. Equality and Diversity implications


- 10.1 There are no equality and diversity implications

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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Report for publication

YES

NO

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