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Title of report PCC CSDF – Safe As Houses (scamming)	
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £14,260 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the CSDF to Southend Association of Voluntary Services (SAVS), 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 CSDF grant to SAVS to deliver a group work programme for young people at risk of risky behaviours

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1 The project will deliver personalised information and advice to older people in Southend who are at risk from fraud and postal/door-step scams using the Fraud Victim target list provided by Essex Police. The home visits will be made by uniformed Turning Tides staff and volunteers, who will talk with local residents about fraud and provide them with an information pack and complete a questionnaire that will be returned to the Serious Crime Unit to help with intelligence. Giving residents the skills and confidence to recognise and turn away scammers. This project builds on the success of the previous Safe as Houses visits, but changes its focus to those who are particularly at risk of fraud and doorstep scams.

- 3.2 Each home visit will take up to two hours; these quality visits ensure that each victim has the opportunity to ask questions and receive appropriate advice and support related to their personal situation. Residents will also receive a

contact telephone number, which they will be able to use to obtain further advice following the visit.

4. Background and proposal

4.1 The Safe as Houses project has previously been funded via the PCC's New Initiative Fund and has been independently evaluated as providing an excellent service.

4.2 The project benefits from a significant volunteering contribution from Turning Tides volunteers

5. Police and Crime Plan

5.1 Supports priorities in the Police and Crime Plan as follows;

- Reducing Hidden Harm
- Ensuring local solutions meet local problems
- Supporting victims of crime
- Improving crime prevention
- Increasing efficiency in policing through collaborative working and innovation

6. Police Operational Implications

6.1 No operational impact

7. Financial Implications

7.1 The PCC would fund a £14,260 contribution to Southend Association of Voluntary Services (SAVS)

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

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