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| <b>Approved By:</b><br>Greg Myddelton, Assistant Director<br>Commissioning | <b>Classification of Paper:</b><br>Not Protectively Marked           |
| <b>Report to PCC</b>   | <b>Report reference number</b><br>PCC/ 0018/16                       |
| <b>Date of Report</b><br>19/02/2016  | <b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected</b><br>Chelmsford and Maldon |
| <b>Title of report</b> PCC CSDF – Underpass clean-up and painting project  |  |
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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £4,750 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the CSDF to Chelmsford City Council 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 Chelmsford City Council to deliver the underpass project in the Chelmsford and Maldon areas.

**3. Benefits of Proposal**

- 3.1 The project aims to;
- reduce crime and violent attacks
  - make the community more friendly, brighter and safer
  - promote recovery for individuals who are victims of domestic abuse
  - reduce offending for those that are engaging in anti-social behaviour
  - enhance the skills and life chances of young people not in education, employment or training.
  - improve community cohesion by bringing together groups and local schools through the artwork competition.
  - promote care and respect for the local environment by working with key stakeholders and local partners
  - reinforce a positive recovery within the clients of Safer Places.

**4. Background and proposal**

- 4.1 Chelmsford City Council and Maldon District Council, in partnership with a number of stakeholders and community organisations, are looking to improve and recondition multiple underpasses and a skate park in the Chelmsford and Maldon areas. These sites include Can Bridge Subway, Woodstreet Subway, Central Park Subway and Riverside skate park.

- 4.2 All of the sites that have been included in the project have graffiti and an unsafe feel to them, with a number of violent crimes occurring in the vicinity in 2015. A number of the underpasses also have lights which are no longer working and overgrown vegetation.
- 4.3 The project will take the following approach;
1. public consultation at each underpass to allow the community to have a voice regarding the planned works by Chelmsford / Maldon Councils
  2. cleaning and removal of current graffiti and artwork
  3. whitewashing all walls and underpass ceiling
  4. run an artwork competition with local schools, genesis residents and Safer Places
  5. approve artwork and work with local artists to create a final piece
  6. artwork will be implemented onto each underpass/wall by a commissioned Street Artist with assistance from service users of Safer Places and Genesis housing.
  7. on completion of each underpass a litter pick will be held at each venue. Local schools, Safer Places and Genesis will be invited to come along to participate in the litter pick around the proposed areas
  8. each underpass will be inspected on a by-weekly basis to ensure the artwork has not been damaged. Anti-graffiti paint will be used to cover the artwork to ensure any damage can be easily removed
- 4.4 The project benefits from having secured match funding from Chelmsford and Maldon Councils and Genesis Housing Association.
- 5. Police and Crime Plan**
- 5.1 Supports numerous priorities in the Police and Crime Plan;
- ensuring local solutions meet local problems
  - reducing hidden harm
  - supporting victims of crime
  - reducing youth offending and all types of re-offending
  - improving road safety
  - improving crime prevention
- 6. Police Operational Implications**
- 6.1 No operational impact
- 7. Financial Implications**
- 7.1 The PCC would fund a £4,750 contribution to Chelmsford City Council.
- 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.

AD for Commissioning



### 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

Reasons for non-publication (*state 'None' if applicable*)

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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.

