

Record of Officer's Decision

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Date of Decision:	25 th August 2026
Decision Maker (Officer):	Leanne Thornton Community Safety & Safeguarding Manager
Authority for Delegated Decision (Cabinet/Committee Decision or Scheme of Delegation – provide reference):	Part 3, Schedule 3 – Delegation of Executive Functions delegated to Officers 4.4 (1) – the Corporate Director has delegated authority to discharge executive functions within their respective service areas. Corporate Director (Operations & Delivery) has delegated authority to discharge executive functions within their respective service areas (Part 3.39).
Identify which Portfolio Holder(s)/Committee Chairman consulted?	Cllr Peter Kotz – Portfolio Holder for Assets and Community Safety
Ward Member(s) consulted?	No
Is it a Key Decision?	No
Is it subject to call-in?	No
Decision Made:	To accept the core grant funding supplied by the Office for Police Fire and Crime Commissioner (OPFCC) (Essex). The core grant for Tendring Community Safety Partnership is £19,961.00 for the year 2026-2027. The OPFCC has issued a Funding Agreement which has been completed and signed and returned as required. The funding will be allocated to organisations who will undertake projects in order to deliver the Community Safety Partnership Delivery Plan 2026-2027.

To agree to issue funding grants for Community Safety Projects as detailed in the Community Safety Delivery Plan 2026-2027.

The allocation of funding has been reviewed in respect of the Subsidy Control Act 2022 and as funding is allocated by an open call process to organisations which can further the objectives of the Community Safety Partnership, allocation of funding does not appear to constitute a subsidy. Although the open call is restricted to the members of the Community Safety Partnership any organisation which can further the objectives of the Partnership is invited to join.

Summary of projects below:

Becoming – Lads Need Dads - £6,500

BECOMING is an innovative, targeted early intervention programme for Year 8 boys growing up without a consistent positive father figure. Developed by the multi-award-winning Lads Need Dads, the programme has evolved from more than ten years of frontline experience supporting boys and families, together with international research into mentoring and adolescent development undertaken through the Managing Directors Churchill Fellowship.

For over a decade, Lads Need Dads has worked with boys experiencing family breakdown, father absence and other forms of adversity. Throughout that time, we have consistently observed the same pattern emerging. By the time boys reach Year 8, many are beginning to struggle with emotional regulation, school engagement, identity, self-worth and unhealthy peer influences. Left unaddressed, these challenges can become increasingly entrenched, placing some boys at greater risk of anti-social behaviour, exclusion, exploitation and poor long-term outcomes.

CARA Therapy for child victims for Young People - £10,000

Funding is for the specialist sexual violence therapy service that CARA provides for children and young people (aged between 3 and 17 years) from the Tendring area who have been victims of sexual violence or child sexual abuse. The grant would fund this service for six months, between October 2026 and March 2027.

	The project includes the provision of: - A play therapy service for children under 12. Due to the loss of long-term grant from BBC Children in Need, we had to suspend this service between April and August. However we have now secured a grant to grant from Colchester Catalyst and are able to offer this service again from September 2026. - One-to-one counselling for young people aged 13 -17 <u>'Change the script' -A young person focused research-based project focused on VAWG Ignition Arts - £1,000</u> This is matched funding for a larger Arts Council England application, however if unsuccessful this funding will be used to deliver drama based workshops in Tendring Schools on the topic of misogyny and VAWG. Empowering young people to 'Change the Script' to stand up and speak out, with a greater awareness of respect and the use of language and the impact it can have.
Reason for Decision (if a report was produced to support the Decision, refer to it):	To allocate funding to those organisations that have applied through the approved route to deliver a project on behalf of the Community Safety Partnership, as mentioned in the Community Safety Partnership Delivery Plan.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	None
Details of any Alternative Options Considered and rejected (together with reasons):	To not put forward a bid. This would have led to funding going to other areas across Essex and not being able to deliver projects that will support Tendring residents.
Details of any declarations of interest (by Portfolio Holder/Committee Chairman who was consulted by the officer, which related to the decision) If relevant, a note of the dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer:	None

Reason Decision, or supporting Report, is not published: <i>Tick one or more of the specific exemptions,</i> <u>and</u> <i>Give more information in the final box with regards to why the exemption applies and outweighs the public interest test (which is in favour of disclosure).</i>		The report supporting the Decision contains confidential information
		The Report supporting the Decision falls within an exemption pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Information:
		• Relates to an individual
		• Likely to reveal the identity of an individual
		• Relating to financial or business affairs of a person or organisation
		• Relates to a claim for legal professional privilege in legal proceedings
		• Reveals that the Council proposes to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or to make an order or direction under any enactment
		• Relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime
<u>And</u> is exempt if and so long, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information Reasons: N/A		

In consultation with:

Signed: Cllr. P Kotz

Signed:

Signed:

Dated: 3/9/26

Portfolio Holder for Assets & Community Safety

Section 151 Officer (if required)

Monitoring Officer (if required)