

To all Thematic Partnership and LSP Chairs

On 10<sup>th</sup> June the Government announced that LAA performance reward grant funding (PRG) would be cut by 50%. For Essex this means that the total PRG available to the Partnership has been reduced from £26m to £13m.

On 17<sup>th</sup> June Essex Management Board (EMB) met to discuss the difficult options for reducing allocations of Performance Reward Grant. A copy of the paper considered by EMB is available [here](#). The Board decided that spending relating to apprenticeships, domestic violence and the voluntary sector endowment fund were priorities for the county and should receive a measure of additional protection compared to other projects. It also agreed that, wherever possible, partners will not be asked to pay back funding that has already been spent.

**Partnerships should model the impact of funding reductions of both 50% and 75% of their original allocation.** Essex Management Board has requested this information by 5<sup>th</sup> July. This will be supported by information on actual and committed spend that partnerships have been submitting over the past week, so that a fair decision can be taken.

In the meantime, partners are reminded not to commit to any new activity funded by PRG. I would be grateful if this information and any queries could be directed to [info@essexpartnership.org](mailto:info@essexpartnership.org).

Kind regards

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