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Title of report PCC Victims Fund – MARAC secretariat '15-16	
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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £108,000 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the Victims Commissioning Fund, to Essex Police for the provision of the MARAC secretariat, whose activities will contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan for Essex, particularly those parts in relation to tackling domestic abuse.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of funding to support the activities of the Essex Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC).

**3. Benefits of Proposal**

- 3.1 MARACs are regular local meetings where information about high risk domestic abuse victims (those at risk of murder or serious harm) is shared between local agencies. This process allows a risk focused, co-ordinated safety plan to be drawn up to support the victim.
- 3.2 Effective MARAC arrangements support victims of domestic abuse and can help reduce incidents of abuse and reduce the risk of harm.

**4. Background and proposal**

- 4.1 The MARAC secretariat team is hosted by Essex Police. Historically the funding for MARAC has been piecemeal and ad hoc. Sources have included, Essex Police, Essex County Council, Thurrock Council, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, Safer Essex and The Home Office.

4.2 Essex Police has always funded the employment of the MARAC Co-ordinator at an annual cost of £38,964. Essex Police has also provided the office premises and costs in terms of IT and other support. Essex County Council is providing additional match-funding towards the MARAC administration function.

4.3 This funding is for 2015-16 and there is an expectation that the future funding model will be developed this year as part of a JDATT / MARAC review process.

## **5. Police and Crime Plan**

5.1. This proposal supports the PCC's vision and delivery of the following key areas of focus:

- Reducing domestic abuse and wider hidden harms
- Improving crime prevention
- Ensuring local solutions meet local problems
- Supporting victims of crime

## **6. Police Operational Implications**

6.1 There are no operational implications.

## **7. Financial Implications**

7.1 The PCC would fund a £108,000 contribution to Essex Police for the MARAC secretariat function in 2015-16.

## **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 No staffing implications.

## **10. Equality and Diversity implications**

10.1 There are no equality and diversity implications



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