

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Southend MARAT funding 2019-20
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Southend-on-Sea
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £42,030 in the form of crime and disorder reduction grant to Southend-on-Sea Borough Council as a contribution to the costs of the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Team (MARAT).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of £42,030 to Southend-on-Sea Borough Council as a contribution to local MARAT arrangements for 2019-20.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. The Southend MARAT is a multi-agency risk assessment arrangement that enables effective data and information sharing between key stakeholders to safeguard victims of domestic abuse.

This funding will contribute to a MARAT Team Manager and 2 MARAT Administrator posts to ensure the processes and arrangements are as efficient as possible. This includes scheduling and chairing meetings and ensuring cases are heard in a timely manner.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. The MARAT Team Manager and Administrator posts are jointly funded by PFCC, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and the local Clinical Commissioning Group. Partner agencies such as IDVA, CRC, and Police provide resources through the provision of staff into the MARAC process.
- 4.2. The funding relates to financial year 2019-20.

4.3. The funding is broken down as a one third contribution to the costs of the MARAT Team Manager post (£22,080) and a £19,950 contribution to the MARAT Admin posts.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

5.1. The PFCC could opt not to support this project but it is felt that the project delivers good value for the investment and contributes to the effective delivery of the police and crime plan.

6. Police and Crime Plan

6.1. This grant supports the PFCC to break the cycle of domestic abuse, ensure victims are at the heart of the criminal justice process and protect children and vulnerable people from harm.

7. Police Operational Implications

7.1. Essex Police will continue to provide in-kind support to the Southend MARAT in the form of officers attending the meetings and contributing to the risk assessment and action planning process.

8. Financial Implications

8.1. The PFCC will allocate an annual grant to Southend-on-Sea Borough Council to support the local MARAT. There is an in-principle agreement for this funding to be awarded annually, subject to separate annual decision sheets.

8.2. The 2019-20 contribution will be £42,030 from the 2019-20 Community Safety Fund.

9. Legal Implications

9.1. The award of the grant is subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement.

9.2. In addition, a Memorandum of Understanding is being developed to provide robust and clear arrangements for funding of this partnership resource.

10. Staffing and other resource implications

10.1. Operational management of MARAT sits within Southend-on-Sea Borough Council Children's Services which also employs and manages the administrators.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

11.1. There are no direct equality and diversity implications.

12. Risks

12.1. No risks have been identified for this decision.

13. Governance Boards

13.1. The Countywide partnership Domestic Abuse strategic Board receives regular updates on the operation of local MARACs and there is a MARAC steering group that meets regularly to discuss operational issues.

14. Background papers

None

Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the OPFCC Chief Executive and Treasurer, prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC .

Chief Executive/M.O Sign: Phil Greenwood
Print: P. Greenwood
Date: 21 June 2019

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Sign: [Signature]
Print: ASCEL Green
Date: 21/6/19

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Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: *Jane Gardner*
Print: *JANE GARDNER*

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: *21 JUNE 2019*

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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Date signed: