

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Southend MARAT supplementary 2021-22
Area of county / stakeholders affected: Southend
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1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of a further £5,060 in the form of crime and disorder reduction grant to Southend-on-Sea Borough Council to account for the incremental increase in costs between 2020-21 & 2021-22. This report should be read in conjunction with original decision sheet 143-21 for the PFCC's contribution to the Southend MARAT.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the additional allocation of £5,060 to Southend-on-Sea Borough Council as a contribution to the Southend MARAT in addition to the £84,060 allocated via decision report 143-21.

3. Benefits of the proposal

- 3.1. As per decision sheet 143-21, 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.
- 3.2. This funding will continue to contribute to a MARAT Team Manager and two 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. This additional decision report includes an uplift in the costs of the MARAC Team Manager and Administrators for 2021-22, equivalent to around 4% p.a.

- 4.2. The requirement for this additional decision report is explained in the table below;

Year	Original costs (decision sheet 143-21)	Revised costs	Difference
2020-21	£42,030	£43,590	£1,560
2021-22	£42,030	£45,530	£3,500
Total	£84,060	£89,120	£5,060

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

- 5.1. The PFCC could opt not to support this decision, but the MARAT provides vital support to victims, identifies safeguarding issues and concerns, and is an example of effective multi-agency working to tackle domestic abuse.

6. Police and Crime Plan

- 6.1. This grant supports the PFCC to break the cycle of domestic abuse, improves support for victims of crime, and protects 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 a further £5,060 from the 2021-22 Community Safety Fund to Southend-on-Sea BC

9. Legal implications

- 9.1. The award of the grant is subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement.
- 9.2. A Memorandum of Understanding is in place to provide robust and clear arrangements for funding of this partnership resource.

10. Staffing 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. Not applicable for Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment. Southend On Sea Borough Council will manage human resourcing ensuring they meet recruitment standards

12. Risks

- 12.1. The PFCC has provided a contribution alongside partner organisations; Southend on Sea Borough Council and the local Clinical Commissioning Group for the past two years. There is a risk that PFCC or other funders no longer have the funding available to support the MARAT work. To mitigate this risk all partners organisations have signed a memorandum of understanding.

13. Governance Boards

- 13.1. The Countywide partnership Domestic Abuse Strategic Board receive regular updates on the operation of local MARACs and a MARAC steering group meets regularly to discuss operational issues.
- 13.2. This decision has not been to a governance board, but has been discussed with the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner & Monitoring Officer prior to being submitted.

14. Background papers

- 14.1. Previous decision sheet 143-21



143-21 Decision
sheet - Southend M

- 14.2. Memorandum of Understanding for Southend MARAT



Southend MARAT
MoU 2019.pdf

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: Darren Horsman
Print: Darren Horsman - Deputy MO
Date: 19.1.2022

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer Sign: Julia Berry
Print: Julia Berry
Date: 19 January 2022

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I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: 

Print: Roger Hirst

PFCC

Date signed: 19 January 2022

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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