

## PFCC Decision Report

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**Title of report:** Southend MARAT 2022-23

**Area of county / stakeholders affected:** Southend-on-Sea

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### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £46,957 in the form of crime and disorder reduction grant to Southend-on-Sea City Council as a contribution to the costs of the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Team (MARAT).

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of £46,957 to Southend-on-Sea City Council as a contribution to the costs of the Southend MARAT in 2022-3.

### 3. Background to the proposal

- 3.1. The MARAT Team Manager and Administrator posts are jointly funded by PFCC, Southend-on-Sea City Council and local Health Commissioners. Partner agencies such as IDVA, CRC, and Police provide resources through the provision of staff into the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) process.
- 3.2. The funding is broken down as a one third contribution to the costs of the MARAT Team Manager post and the 2x MARAT Admin posts.
- 3.3. The PFCC has contributed to these posts for the past three years. The work of the MARAT team is monitored by Southend City Council and is reported to the Southend Essex and Thurrock Domestic Abuse Strategic Development Group and Board. There are no reported performance issues and the team continue to support and safeguard high risk domestic abuse victims of crime. The decision sheet for the previous round of funding for this project was 143-21.

#### **4. Proposal and associated benefits**

- 4.1. 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.
- 4.2. This funding will continue to contribute to a Southend 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.

#### **5. Options Analysis**

- 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. Consultation & Engagement**

- 6.1. The Southend MARAT reports on a quarterly basis to the SETDAB Board and Strategic Development sub-group

#### **7. Strategic Links**

- 7.1. This grant supports the PFCC to break the cycle of domestic abuse, improves support for victims of crime, and protects vulnerable people from harm.

#### **8. Police operational implications**

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

#### **9. Financial implications**

- 9.1. The PFCC will allocate £46,957 from the 2022-3 Community Safety Fund to Southend-on-Sea City Council.

#### **10. Legal implications**

- 10.1. The award of the grant is subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement.
- 10.2. A Memorandum of Understanding is in place to provide robust and clear arrangements for funding of this partnership resource (see sec. 16 below).

#### **11. Staffing implications**

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

#### **12. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion implications**

- 12.1. The MARAT receives referrals of high-risk DA victims from partner agencies and is therefore open to all.

#### **13. Risks and mitigations**

- 13.1. The PFCC has provided a contribution alongside partner organisations; Southend on Sea City Council and the local Clinical Commissioning Group for the past three 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 and the positive work of the MARAT is promoted via the SETDA structures.

#### **14. Governance Boards**

- 14.1. The Countywide partnership Domestic Abuse Strategic Board and its Strategic Development sub-group receive quarterly updates on the operation of local MARACs and a MARAC steering group meets regularly to discuss operational issues.

#### **15. Links to Future Plans**

- 15.1. This project supports delivery against the SETDAB partnership domestic abuse strategy and the Police & Crime Plan.

#### **16. Background papers**

- 16.1. Memorandum of Understanding for Southend MARAT



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Chief Executive / M.O.

Sign: DHorsman

Print: Darren Horsman - Deputy Monitoring Officer

Date: 18.1.2023

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign: 

Print: Janet Perry

Date: 29 January 2023

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