

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) Briefing</b>
<b>FOR CONSIDERATION BY</b>	Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 13 September 2016
<b>WARD</b>	None Specific
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Judith Ramsden, Director Children's Services

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee review the update below.

**SUMMARY OF REPORT-MARAC**

Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences exist in all areas of Thames Valley. They consist of a panel of local agencies and vary between statutory bodies such as Police, Probation, Housing Departments, health agencies, Social services, Education to bodies such as locally commissioned domestic abuse service providers to voluntary bodies such as charities.

They work under direction of CAADA (Coordinated Action Against Domestic Abuse) and comply with their guidelines. The Thames Valley MARACs normally meet on a monthly basis but Emergency MARACs can be called whenever the need arises.

The role of the conference is to manage the risk to **High Risk** victims and families. The panel is normally chaired by the local DAIU Detective Inspector or a Senior Probation Officer. The referrals are made by agencies who are signatories to the local MARAC Information Sharing Agreement. Each agency has a Dedicated MARAC Officer (DMO) who receives referrals and submits them through an online database. Actions and risk levels are agreed at these meetings. DAIU staff are able to refer all high risk cases direct to the MARAC Administrator.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

*The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.*

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	N/A	N/A	N/A

### Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

N/A

### Cross-Council Implications

N/A

### Reasons for considering the report in Part 2

N/A

### List of Background Papers

N/A