

Report Title: Scrutiny Review – Support to Victims of Crime

Report of Councillor Aitken, Chair of Review Panel

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Wards(s) affected: All

Report for: Non Key Decision

1. Purpose of the report (That is, the decision required)

That Members approve the report and recommendations of the review, as outlined in the report.

2. State link(s) with Council Plan Priorities and actions and /or other Strategies:

2.1. Creating a better Haringey: cleaner, greener, safer

3. Recommendation

3.1 That the report and its recommendations be approved and referred to Cabinet for a response.

4. Reasons for recommendations

Please refer to the scrutiny review report (attached)

5. Other options considered

Please refer to the scrutiny review report (attached)

6. Chief Financial Officer Comments

- 6.1. The recommendations in themselves do not have any direct immediate financial implications for the Council.
- 6.2. As these recommendations are discussed by the Council and partners, any additional resource or significant shift in resource will need to be explored in greater detail so that informed decisions can be made.

7. Head of Legal Services Comments

- 7.1 The Head of Legal Services has been consulted in the preparation of this report and advises there are no legal implications arising from the recommendations contained in this report.

8. Head of Procurement Comments

N/A

9. Equalities & Community Cohesion Comments

These are considered throughout the report.

10. Consultation

- 10.1 The review received evidence from a wide range of stakeholders, including service commissioners and providers. It also received an indication of the views of victims and witnesses through engagement with volunteers from Victim Support and the Witness Service. The Panel explored the possibility of meeting directly with a group of victims but, after receiving advice from Victim Support, this was considered impractical as it was felt unlikely that it would be possible to get sufficient numbers of victims together who were prepared to share their experiences in the time available. Consultation was supplemented by documentary evidence on the views of victims and witnesses that was undertaken as part of a national survey of their experiences.

- 11. Service Financial Comments:** The report focuses on strategic and policy issues arising from strategic partnership activity undertaken by the Council and its partners. The recommendations generally refer either to services that are funded by area based grant (ABG) or the Council's strategic partners. Any specific direct financial implications arising from the recommendations are referred to within the report albeit on a preliminary basis. A fuller analysis of the financial implications will be included in

the formal response to the review by the Council and its partners

12. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

The background papers relating to this report are:

Report to O & S on 29 June 2009 - Overview and Scrutiny work programme

Council Plan

Sustainable Community Strategy

Haringey Local Area Agreement

These can be obtained from Robert Mack, Principal Scrutiny Support Officer on 0208 489 2921, 7th Floor, River Park House,

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