COMMUNITY AND SAFER CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

VICTIM SUPPORT SUNDERLAND

REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: SP3 SAFE CITY

CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES: CI01: Delivering Customer Focussed Services, CI04: Improving partnership working to deliver 'One City'

1.   Purpose of the Report

1.1   To provide Members of the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee with information about Victim Support and how they work with the victims of violent crime.

2.   Background

2.1   At its meeting on 8 June 2010, the Committee agreed to pursue a review of alcohol, violence and the night time economy.

2.2   One of the terms of reference highlighted in the scoping report is outlined below

(f) To review support, resettlement and rehabilitation of victims and offenders by considering how victims are supported to live safely and how offender's substance misuse is addressed with the aim to reduce the chance of re-offending;

2.3   As part of the evidence gathering process, the Committee will receive A presentation from Victim Support Sunderland.

3.   Current position

3.1   Victim Support Sunderland work to help support the victims of crime. In doing so, they work closely with key partners such as the Council, housing providers and Northumbria Police.

3.2   As well as providing practical and emotional support to victims, they also help access better security measures, deal with insurance markets, liaise with the police and other agencies, help in applying for criminal insurance compensation and provide support throughout the court or criminal justice process.

3.3   Members will receive a presentation from Victim Support highlighting the work that they do.

4. Recommendations

4.1 That the information provided and the comments of Members be included as part of the Committees Policy Review.

5 Background Papers

No background papers were used in this report.

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