

**REPORT TO:** Safer Policy and Performance Board

**DATE:** 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources

**PORTFOLIO:** Community Safety

**SUBJECT:** Community Safety Victim and Witness Support Service

**WARDS:** Borough wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To consider the presentation from the Victim and Witness Support Service and receive an update on the newly published Victim Commissioners Report 2019

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That**

- 1) **the report be noted; and**
- 2) **the Board consider the information presented and raise any questions of interest or points of clarification following the presentation.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The Anti-Social Behaviour Victim and Witness Service is designed to deliver independent and confidential support to residents aged over 10 years who are experiencing nuisance and/or anti-social behavior in Halton. The service is part of the work of the Safer Halton Partnership Community Safety Team.
- 3.2 The ASB Victim and Witness Support Service has now have provided support to a thousand victims and their families. Since receiving acclaim for best practice in Parliament back in 2009 the service has continued to provide the 3 distinct levels of support to victims and witnesses of nuisance and anti-social behaviour.

**Level One:** If you have been a victim or a witness of anti-social behaviour the service can help you to feel safer in your home.

**Level Two:** if you have been affected by crime or anti-social behaviour the service can help you to talk about it and agree how to deal with the particular incident and its consequences. It can also help you to find other support for examples counselling.

**Level Three:** The service will take care of your case offering advice and information, one to one visits, telephone contact, evidence gathering equipment where needed, attendance at court and other hearings and after court visits.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The policy implications of the review relate primarily to the Safer Halton priority. However this is a cross cutting work area which has wider implications on other areas of council business.

#### **5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 **None**

#### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

##### **6.1 Children and Young People in Halton**

The Community Safety Service as a universal service impacts on the health, safety and well-being of young people.

##### **6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

**None**

##### **6.3 A Healthy Halton**

The Community Safety Service as a universal service impacts on the Health, safety and well-being of the residents of Halton.

##### **6.4 A Safer Halton**

The Community Safety Service as a universal service impacts on the Health, safety and well-being of the residents of Halton.

##### **6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

**None**

#### **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

**None**

#### **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

**None**

**9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

9.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.