

**COMMUNITY SAFETY AND LEISURE SCRUTINY PANEL
VICTIMS OF CRIME – ACTION PLAN**

SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION	PROPOSED ACTION	BY WHOM	BUDGET COST	TIMESCALE
a) That the Council engage with Victim Support and looks at methods to increase public awareness of the Victim Support organisation through increased publicity.	Victim Support to be asked what assistance the Council may offer eg via web links or leaflet distribution.	Community Protection	N/K	By December 2009
b) That the Council's Executive Sub Committee for Grants to the Voluntary Sector be approached with regard to the possibility of providing support funding for the Victim Support service.	Victim Support to contact the Voluntary Sector Liaison and Grants Team to pursue a grant application	Wendy Kelly	Grants Budget	By September 2009
c) That in compliance with the Code of Practice for Victims of Crime and supported by the Policing Pledge that the Police report back to all victims and that their performance is reported to the Executive Member for Community Protection.	Victim Code of Practise (VCOP) monitors compliance, VCOP reports to the Victim and Witness sub-group of the Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB). Performance of this can be reported to Exec Member of Community Protection.	LCJB Jo Moore	N/A	
d) That the Magistrates Court ensure the facilities identified for the separation of defence and prosecution witnesses	Funding secured (Neighbourhood Crime and Justice and LCJB) and room acquired in Magistrate court	Sue Stamp Victim/ Witness	N/A	Sept/Oct 09

within the court are operational as soon as possible.	to provide separate waiting areas for prosecution and defence witnesses. Building work and furnishings to be completed by Sept/Oct 09	Liaison HMCS Paul Buckle		
e) That the Police ensure the Victim Support service is aware of any developments, which may affect the services they are providing to a victim. Also that the Police establish a formal process for reporting back to Wardens on the reports submitted to them by Wardens.	Police liaison with Victim Support is in place currently and all victims of crime are referred. Arrangements for better police liaison with Wardens to be made, though PSG meetings facilitate this already.	Police D Brierley	N/A N/A	Dec 09
f) That a meeting be established between Street Wardens and victim support to build both links and an understanding of the facilities both provide to support victims.	Arrange a meeting with Victim Support to build a link with the aim to arrange for Victim Support to present ways of working/joint working to Wardens.	D Brierley	None	By December 2009