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| Title of report Single Tender Action – PCC Community Safety Fund – Victim Support additional 6 IDVAs (2014-15) |   |
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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £287,330.50 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the Community Safety Fund to Victim Support, whose activities will contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan for Essex.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of the Community Safety Fund grant to Victim Support for the provision of 6 additional IDVAs as an interim arrangement until March 2015.

**3. Benefits of Proposal**

- 3.1 The main purpose of independent domestic violence advisors (IDVA) is to address the safety of victims at high risk of harm from intimate partners, ex-partners or family members to secure their safety and the safety of their children.

**4. Background and proposal**

- 4.1 It is acknowledged that the existing IDVA provision in Essex of 10.5 posts was substantially less than the 20-25 recommended by the industry experts CAADA (Co-ordinated Action Against Domestic Abuse). In recognition of that,

and as an interim arrangement in advance of the 2015-16 commissioning exercise that is being undertaken by the PCC with public sector partners, funding has been secured to procure an additional 6 IDVAs. The PCC is the lead contractor for this procurement but funding for this service has been contributed to by the following agencies:

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| Essex County Council        | £117,000        |
| PCC                         | £63,330         |
| Southend-on-Sea             | £15,000         |
| Thurrock Council            | £32,000         |
| Castle Point & Rochford CCG | £30,000         |
| Basildon & Brentwood CCG    | £30,000         |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>               | <b>£287,330</b> |

4.2 Essex PCC have procured the service from Victim Support as a single tender action for a number of reasons:

1. To ensure a consistent approach across the whole of the County, including Southend & Thurrock
2. When the previous contract was tendered for a countywide service only Victim Support responded
3. Victim Support could recruit and train the individuals to get the service in place by April 2014
4. This is an interim arrangement while a full commissioning process for IDVA services post-April 2015 is conducted
5. There is a significant backlog of MARAC cases that require further IDVAs in post to manage

4.3 Arrangements are already being made to ensure that the service for 2015-16 and beyond is subject to a full commissioning process.

## 5. Police and Crime Plan

5.1. This proposal supports the PCC's vision and delivery of the following key areas of focus:

- Ensuring local solutions meet local problems
- Reducing domestic abuse
- Supporting victims of crime

## 6. Police Operational Implications

6.1 These new roles will work collaboratively with the Central Referral Unit within Essex Police; this should improve the referral process and provide a seamless experience for the victim.

## 7. Financial Implications

7.1 The PCC would fund a £287,330 contribution to Victim Support.



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