

**Meeting: Housing Sub-Committee**

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**Title: Victim Support Sub-Group**

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**Wards affected: All**

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## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out the intention for a sub-group of the sub-committee to be established to carry out a review in relation to the support provided to victims of anti-social behaviour.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 To agree the establishment of a Victim Support sub-group and identify membership.

## **3. Details**

### **Background**

- 3.1 The Police and Justice Act 2006 requires local authorities to have one of its scrutiny committees dedicated to looking at crime and disorder. In accordance with the Council's Constitution, this requirement falls within the remit of Housing Sub-committee.
- 3.2 In accordance with its terms of reference, the sub-committee may carry out in-depth investigations into topics that fall within its remit that are of interest and concern to communities in North Tyneside. During the previous municipal year, a sub-group was established to undertake a piece of work in relation to anti-social behaviour. A small group of members volunteered to serve on the group and held meetings with key officers to look at reporting mechanisms and communication. Discussions with officers concluded that area of work and it was agreed that a new focus for an investigation be developed.
- 3.3 In consultation with the Chair of Housing Sub-committee, it is proposed that a short review takes place in relation to the support available to victims of anti-social behaviour. The intention would be for this review to take place over one day, rather than a series of shorter meetings. This would be split into a morning session looking at the number of people accessing victim support, the type of help available and best practice principles in relation to anti-social behaviour aimed to deliver the best possible outcomes for victims. An afternoon session would then be focused on hearing some case study examples of the support provided and identifying where any improvements could be made to processes and the support available.

- 3.4 The proposed date for this review to take place is Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Members of the sub-committee are invited to indicate an interest in serving on this sub-group.

#### **4. Appendices**

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