

Approved By:	Classification of Paper: Not Protectively Marked
Report to PCC	Report reference number PCC/ 036/14
Date of Decision Date of Report 28 May 2014	Area of County/Stakeholders affected Countywide
Title of report PCC Community Safety Fund – Victim Support IDVA contract (14-15)	
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £222,841 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 extension of the existing Victim Support IDVA contract up to April 2015 when the jointly commissioned Essex IDVA service will commence.

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.
- 3.2 The extension of this contract until April 2015 allows the PCC's office sufficient time to work with local partners to commission a full IDVA service from April 2015.

4. Background and proposal

4.1 Victim Support are currently contracted to deliver an IDVA service across Essex. By extending this existing provision we are able to undertake a full commissioning process for the service post-March 2015.

4.2 Arrangements with other organisations such as Women's Aid groups are also in place for 2014-15 which are building capacity in the market and help to ensure that Victim Support are not at an unfair competitive advantage for the tendering of the post-2015 IDVA service.

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 None

7. Financial Implications

7.1 The PCC would fund a £222,841 contribution to Victim Support.

8. Legal Implications

8.1 The award of the grant is subject to the PCC's standard funding agreement.

9. Staffing and other resource implications

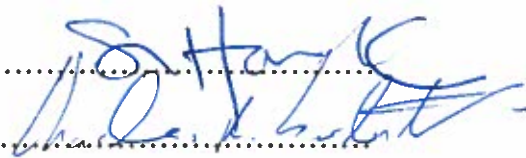
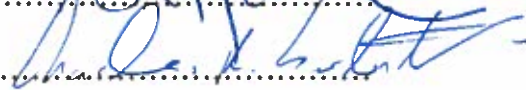
9.1 There are no staffing issues

10. Equality and Diversity implications

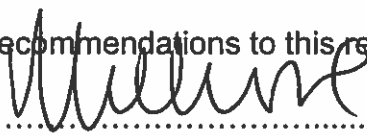
10.1 The IDVA service is available to all high-risk domestic abuse cases where the victim is over 16 years and has reported to the Police.

Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the Chief Executive and CFO and the PCC Solicitor where legal implications arise.

Chief Executive/M.O 
Chief Financial Officer 
PCC Legal Advisor (As necessary)

Decision

I agree the recommendations to this report
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