



Subject:	Briefing Session with the Commission for Victims and Survivors
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Restricted Reports	
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider a request from the Commission for Victims and Survivors to hold a briefing session for Members about how they can support victims and survivors.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider if it wishes to receive a briefing from the Commission.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The Commission for Victims and Survivors has written to the Council offering to hold a briefing session for Members to explain their work, to explain how elected Members might

	<p>support victims and survivors and to build their knowledge and capacity around the needs of victims and survivors and the broader victims' sector.</p>
3.2	<p>The Commission attended several Annual Party Conferences in 2016 and 2017 and were approached at those events by elected Members from across the political parties who expressed the desire to increase their knowledge of the victims' sector and how they might support victims and survivors. Accordingly, the Commission has offered to hold a briefing session for Members of the Council.</p>
3.3	<p>If the Committee agrees to the session, it is intended that it will take place in the City Hall on 27th October from 12.30pm till 2.00pm. Lunch would be provided from 12.00 Noon till 12.30pm.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p>
3.4	<p>There is not any direct cost associated with the holding of the session other than that for the provision of lunch for attendees which can be covered from within existing budgets.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p>
3.5	<p>There are not any good relations or equality issues associated with this report.</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<p>Appendix 1 – Letter from the Commission for Victims and Survivors</p>