

Appendix B

More information about the work of the Illegal Money Lending team

- Teams have helped identify over 800 illegal lenders
- They've shut down loan books of more than £20 million, money that would have been demanded from some of the poorest in our society
- Proceedings have been instituted against approx 120 individuals
- Teams have benefited more than 10,000 victims
- Court cases have resulted in prison sentences of more than 54 years as well as 230 hours community service and rehabilitation orders of 24 months
- Cash and assets worth over £5million have been seized
- Longest prison sentence to date is 6 years 9 months for a loan shark also charged with kidnapping, assault, wounding, blackmail and counterfeiting
- A loan shark who threatened his victims with violence was sentenced to an indefinite term of imprisonment. He was convicted of rape, blackmail, assault, acquiring criminal property and illegal money lending. The sentence was given under the Imprisonment for Public Protection Rules which means his sentence has no maximum tariff