**TO: CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL
30 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**WORKING GROUP UPDATE REPORT
Working Group Lead Member**

1   PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1   This report sets out the progress achieved to date by the Working Group of the Panel reviewing child sexual exploitation.

2   RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1   That the Panel notes the progress achieved to date by its Working Group reviewing child sexual exploitation.

3   REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

3.1   To keep the Panel up to date regarding the activities of its Working Group reviewing child sexual exploitation.

4   ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1   None.

5   SUPPORTING INFORMATION

5.1   A Working Group of the Panel, comprising Councillors Mrs McCracken (Lead Member), Mrs Birch, Ms Gaw, Peacey and Mrs Temperton, was established to undertake a review of child sexual exploitation (CSE) owing to concerns associated with the increasing level of awareness of it following recent high profile cases in areas such as Rotherham, Rochdale and Oxford.

5.2   The Working Group has met on two occasions to date. It received an introductory briefing and presentation from officers and considered the scope of the review at its first meeting. The Working Group's future programme of work was discussed and agreed at its second planning meeting.

5.3   Future work will include gathering further information and data; meeting relevant Council officers, representatives of Thames Valley Police and the Children's Commissioner for England; and visiting Oxfordshire County Council to meet the Executive Member, Scrutiny Chairman and Director of Children's Services to learn about how that Council responded to CSE.

6   ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS / EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT / STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES / CONSULTATION

6.1   Not applicable.

<u>Background Papers</u>

None.

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