

**TO: CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL
11 JANUARY 2016**

**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

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

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 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 five 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. At subsequent meetings the Working Group met representatives of Thames Valley Police, a local charity and relevant Council officers.
- 5.3 Future work will include gathering further information and data and also meeting relevant representatives of the National Health Service, officers involved with education and children missing from education, and the Children's Commissioner for England.

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

6.1 Not applicable.

Background Papers

None.

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