

**TO: CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL
13 APRIL 2016**

**WORKING GROUP UPDATE REPORT
Panel Chairman and 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 (CSE) and invites the Panel to consider establishing a new standing Sub Group to review the implementation of recommendations to the Executive made by previous Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) reviews.

2 RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Panel

- 2.1 **notes the progress achieved to date by its Working Group reviewing CSE; and**
- 2.2 **considers establishing a new standing Sub Group to review the implementation of recommendations to the Executive made by previous O&S reviews.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 To keep the Panel up to date regarding the activities of its Working Group reviewing CSE and to provide it with an opportunity to review the implementation of O&S recommendations to the Executive on a regular basis.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

- 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 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 six 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, relevant Council officers, a GP, relevant representatives of the National Health Service and the headteacher of College Hall Pupil Referral Unit.

Unrestricted

- 5.3 Future work will include gathering further information and data and also meeting the Head of Regulatory Services, to discuss taxi driver CSE training and the Hotel Watch Scheme, and headteachers of some of the local secondary schools before compiling a report of the review for approval by this Panel.

Standing Sub Group

- 5.4 At the Chairman's suggestion, the Panel is invited to establish a standing Sub Group to review the implementation of recommendations which previous Working Groups have submitted to the Executive as a means of monitoring the outcomes of its reviews. It is proposed that the standing Sub Group will meet on up to four occasions per year. Expressions of interest to join the Sub Group are sought from Panel Members. Given the decision of the O&S Commission on 10 March 2016 to focus O&S resources on the Transformation Programme work, this Sub Group would operate without O&S officer support.

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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