

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Improving Lives Select Commission
2.	Date:	22 July 2015
3.	Title:	Child Sexual Exploitation - The Way Forward for Rotherham
4.	Directorate:	Rotherham Safeguarding Children Board

5. Summary

The report provides Members with the new strategy *Child Sexual Exploitation - The Way Forward for Rotherham 2015-18*, developed by the multi-agency Rotherham Safeguarding Children Board.

6. Recommendation

That Members:

- **Consider and comment on the strategy.**
- **Determine the next steps for monitoring progress.**

7. Proposals and Details

The key focus for the Improving Lives Selection Commission work programme in 2015-16 is the multi-agency strategy and plans to respond to child sexual exploitation (CSE) in the borough, after the publication of the Jay Report last year. This work follows on from the scrutiny sessions undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board in December 2014.

Attached at Appendix A is the new strategy *Child Sexual Exploitation - The Way Forward for Rotherham 2015-18*, which is underpinned by a needs assessment carried out by the Public Health Team within the Council. The strategy seeks to articulate the way in which the communities in Rotherham and the agencies that serve them will find a way forward together that will: effectively prevent Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) from happening in the first place; protect and support those who have become victims and survivors; and prosecute those who are the abusers.

The document is set out in clear sections as follows:

- Definition of Child Sexual Exploitation
- Our Commitment
- Rotherham CSE Profile
- Objectives and key actions
- Conclusion
- Key Contacts

8. Finance

There are no direct financial implications from this report, but there are financial and resource implications for the Council and partner agencies in responding effectively to child sexual exploitation and implementing the delivery plans.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

These are outlined within the strategy document.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

- RMBC Corporate Plan Priorities:
 - Helping to create safe and healthy communities
 - Ensuring care and protection are available for those people who need it most
- Health and Wellbeing Strategy

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Independent Inquiry into CSE in Rotherham, Alexis Jay OBE 2014

Report of Inspection of Rotherham MBC, Louise Casey CB February 2015

Ofsted thematic review of CSE

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