

## ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

<b>1. Meeting:</b>	<b>Improving Lives Select Commission</b>
<b>2. Date:</b>	<b>23 September 2015</b>
<b>3. Title:</b>	<b>Child Sexual Exploitation - Delivery Plan</b>
<b>4. Directorate:</b>	<b>Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children Board - All wards</b>

### **5. Summary**

The Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy “Child Sexual Exploitation – The Way Forward for Rotherham 2015 – 2018 sets out the strategic objectives that are required to deliver a coherent response to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) in the borough over the next three years. The implementation of the strategy and its objectives is by way of a multi-agency CSE Delivery Plan which is owned by the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB).

### **6. Recommendations**

**That Members:**

- a. Note the development of a multi-agency CSE Delivery Plan to deliver the strategic objectives of the new CSE Strategy;**
- b. Consider the potential focus of any future scrutiny review into Child Sexual Exploitation.**

## 7. Proposals and details

7.1 The CSE Delivery Plan is the mechanism by which the strategic objectives of the CSE strategy will be implemented and monitored through actions across the partnership. The five themes under which the strategic objectives are set are:

- **Prevent** children and young people from becoming sexually exploited through effective leadership, governance and a wider culture embedded within organisations and communities that recognises the root causes of CSE, the signs and risk indicators and do all they can to tackle them.
- **Protect** children and young people who are at risk of sexual exploitation as well as those who are already victims and survivors.
- **Pursue**, relentlessly, perpetrators of child sexual exploitation, leading to prosecutions of those responsible, and ensure there is effective risk management of perpetrators in the community.
- **Provide** support for survivors of CSE, ensuring their needs are met.
- Ensure the **participation** of all children and young people at risk of or experiencing CSE, as well as their families and communities, to ensure that their voices as well as the voices of survivors are heard and responded to.

7.2 The CSE Delivery Plan is owned by Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) which is the partnership of statutory partner organisations in Rotherham, including the voluntary and community sector. The LSCB Child Sexual Exploitation sup group is the multi-agency sub group charged with driving the delivery plan forward, monitoring and reporting on progress.

7.3 Reporting on progress within the delivery plan is to the LSCB on a quarterly basis and via the LSCB to the Rotherham Children's Improvement Board.

7.4 The CSE Delivery Plan is a dynamic document, using version control, designed to reflect a monthly updates and to reflect the developing understanding of CSE in Rotherham, the needs of victims, survivors and how the workforce and services need to respond to this. The Delivery Plan is currently being updated more frequently as there are developments and initiatives which have taken place over the past 6 – 12 months which are yet to be reflected in the new Delivery Plan.

## 8. Finance

The CSE Delivery Plan does not contain financial or resourcing information but some of the deliverables / work streams within it have their own plans with respective resourcing implications.

## 9. Risks and Uncertainties

The understanding of and needs relating to CSE in the borough have and will change over time. It is therefore key that the CSE Delivery Plan is able to respond dynamically to this in order that it remains responsive in terms of approach and service delivery.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

Child Sexual Exploitation is a RMBC Corporate Priority and is also reflected as priority for other statutory partners. It is a key line of enquiry for all relevant regulatory inspections, including the planned improvement visits by Ofsted.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy – The Way Forward For Rotherham 2015-2018. The Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy has been through consultation with partner organisations and the community, including children and young people.

The Child Sexual Exploitation Delivery Plan has been developed in conjunction with key stakeholders across the partnership.

## **12. Contact**

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