

Summary Sheet

Improving Lives Select Commission – 4th November 2015

Title

Improving Lives Work Programme November 2015 to April 2016

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

All

Executive Summary

The report provides members of the Improving Lives Select Commission with a proposed work programme for the rest of the municipal year of 2015/16. This takes into account work already done by the Commission on the strategy and delivery plan to tackle CSE and following on from this, to determine which areas Scrutiny is best placed to focus on. The work programme reflects these discussions.

Recommendations

That the Improving Lives discuss and agree their forward work programme

List of Appendices Included

Appendix A – draft work programme

Background Paper

None

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

None

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Improving Lives Work Programme November 2015 to April 2016

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Improving Lives Select Commission discuss and agree the work programme

2. Background

- 2.1 As part of the Scrutiny work programme for 2015/16, it was agreed between Commissioners and Elected Members that the Improving Lives Select Commission focus on the scrutiny of partnership plans to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) in Rotherham.
- 2.2 To date this has focused on the developing strategy and delivery plans that provide the overarching strategic framework for tackling CSE. Improving Lives have received detailed reports on these matters and have used these discussions to determine the proposed work programme for the rest of the municipal year.

3. Key Issues

- 3.1 Having discussed and agreed the key areas for the Select Commission to focus on these are as follows:
 - 3.1.1 On going monitoring of the CSE Strategy and Delivery Plans implementation.
 - 3.1.2 Input to the LSCB Audit process via a nominated Champion
 - 3.1.3 Support to victims and survivors, focusing on both preventative work with schools and on transition issues for adults
 - 3.1.4 Progress updates on operational investigations
 - 3.1.5 Work with Health Partners on tackling CSE
 - 3.1.6 Awareness raising and preventative work, including Early Help.
- 3.2 In addition there are a number of issues that the Commission would like to address as part of its ongoing work commitments and that are complementary to the CSE agenda.
- 3.2 These include the annual safeguarding reports for both Adults and Children and Young People, follow up to the Domestic Abuse review and other education related matters.

4. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 4.1 The proposed work programme attached at Appendix A represents an accurate summary of these work commitments and Members are therefore recommended to approve this, subject to any changes discussed at the meeting.

5. Consultation

5.1 This has been carried out with the Improving Lives Select Commission at previous meetings.

6. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

6.1 The work programme can be implemented immediately as the theme of Tackling CSE has already been approved by Full Council.

7. Financial and Procurement Implications

7.1 There are none.

8. Legal Implications

8.1 There are none.

9. Human Resources Implications

9.1 There are none.

10. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

10.1 The work programme focuses on plans to tackle CSE which is a high priority issue for the Council and particularly for vulnerable Children and Young People.

10.2 In looking at transition issues for Adult survivors and also the Annual Adults Safeguarding Plan, the work programme will also seek to address issues for vulnerable adults too.

11. Equalities and Human Rights Implications

11.1 Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults both have protected characteristics in equalities terms and therefore the work programme will help to address some of these inequalities

12. Implications for Partners and Other Directorates

12.1 The work programme will focus on the work of the CYPS and Adults Services directorates and of partners including the Police and Health.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 The main risk is that accurate and timely information in the form of presentations and reports will not be available for effective scrutiny to take place. The work programme will be managed flexibly and scrutiny staff will work with lead officers across the departments and agencies to ensure this is kept to a minimum.

14. Accountable Officer(s)

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