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Improving Lives Select Commission

Summary Sheet

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Improving Lives Select Commission April 6, 2016

Title: Scrutiny of the 'Prevent' element of the Child Sexual Exploitation Delivery Plan 2015-18

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

Borough wide

Executive Summary

In the current municipal year the Improving Lives Select Commission's work programme has focussed on the scrutiny of the measures taken by the Council and its partners to address child sexual exploitation. The focus of this meeting is the scrutiny of the 'Prevent' element of the Child Sexual Exploitation Delivery Plan 2015-18.

Recommendations

That Improving Lives Select Commission:

- 1 Considers the 'Prevent' element of the Child Sexual Exploitation Delivery Plan 2015-18;**
- 2 Questions the accountable officers on the progress and delivery of the Prevent element;**

- 3 Forwards any comments or recommendations arising from their scrutiny to Commissioners and Cabinet for their consideration; and**
- 4 Agrees for regular updates on the CSE Delivery Plan and associated improvement actions on a six monthly basis.**

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1: Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children Board Child Sexual Exploitation Delivery Plan 2015-18 (Prevent Section Only)

Background Papers

N/A

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

No

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

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2. Background

- 2.1 The Commission's work programme this year has focussed on the steps taken to address Child Sexual Exploitation in the Borough. The Commission Members have met to determine the focus of this meeting and agreed that it will conduct an in-depth review of progress in delivering the actions agreed in the 'Prevent' (section 1) element of the Child Sexual Exploitation Delivery Plan 2015-18 (attached as Appendix 1). The Commission will use this detailed inquiry of Prevent actions as a probe to explore the wider issues of governance and performance management of the plan as a whole.

3. Key Issues

- 3.1 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).
- 3.2 The Commission first considered the Delivery Plan at its meeting of 23 September 2014. The Commission examined the five themes under which the strategic objectives are set, namely:
 - **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.

3.3 Six months after its initial consideration of the Delivery Plan, the Commission has requested that accountable officers for the 'Prevent' actions identified in the action plan attend the meeting and respond to member questions. Questions will be addressed to each of the sub headings (1.1 – 1.7) to examine:

- a) the pace and scale of progress to date;
- b) the impact of actions taken to date;
- c) the planned future improvements beyond March 2016; and
- d) how improvements will be sustained

4. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 4.1 The most current version of the 'Prevent' element of the Delivery Plan is attached as Appendix 1. Members are therefore recommended to consider and review this information.
- 4.2 Members are recommended to agree to receive for regular updates on this report and associated improvement actions in the Delivery Plan on a six monthly basis.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 Members of Improving Lives Select Commission have been consulted on the focus of this inquiry.
- 5.2 Dianne Thomas (Advisor from the Centre for Public Scrutiny) has advised the Commission Members on the scope of its work.

6. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 6.1 There are no decisions arising from this meeting. However, any recommendations or comments will be forwarded to Commissioners and Cabinet for their consideration.

7. Financial and Procurement Implications

N/A

8. Legal Implications

N/A

9. Human Resources Implications

N/A

10. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

10.1 The CSE Delivery Plan is a dynamic document designed to reflect the developing understanding of CSE in Rotherham, the needs of victims and survivors, and how the workforce and services need to respond to this.

11 Equalities and Human Rights Implications

11.1 The Commission will explore as part of its enquiry if there are any equalities implications in the delivery of the 'Prevent' element of this plan.

12. Implications for Partners and Other Directorates

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

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 It is important that the CSE Delivery Plan is able to respond dynamically to developments in order that it remains responsive in terms of approach and service delivery. Scrutiny Members have a key role in providing challenge and oversight to ensure that the Delivery Plan continues to meet identified need.

14. Accountable Officer(s)

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Director of Legal Services:- N/A

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