

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Cabinet – 16 May 2022

Report Title

Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Sub-Group on Post CSE Support Services

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

Report Summary

To report on the response to the findings and recommendations of the Improving Lives sub-group on post-CSE support.

Recommendations

1. That Cabinet approve the response to the recommendations, as detailed in Appendix 1, and note the report.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Post-CSE Support
Appendix 2 Equality Analysis Screening
Appendix 3 Carbon Impact Assessment

Background Papers

[Improving Lives Select Commission report: Outcomes from the sub-group on Post-CSE Support](#)

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

Improving Lives Select Commission – 21 December 2021

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 19 January 2022

Cabinet - 14 February 2022

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Sub-Group on Post CSE Support Services

1. Background

- 1.1 The Jay Report identified that high numbers of Rotherham residents were affected by child sexual exploitation between 1997 and 2013. The National Crime Agency continues to investigate historical child sexual exploitation as part of Operation Stovewood. It is important that there are services to support all victims / survivors of child sexual exploitation regardless of whether they are part of active investigations. It is important that any services commissioned by the Council align with the services provided by its partners.
- 1.2 In summer 2016 the Council commissioned support services for young people and adults who had experienced child sexual exploitation (CSE). These additional services supplement the core support offer to any adult who has ongoing support needs provided by the Council through its Adult Safeguarding provision.
- 1.3 To inform the development of a needs analysis that underpins the commissioning process, it was agreed at the meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission held on 3 March 2020 that the benchmarking work should be resumed, with the results detailed in a standalone report on post-CSE support.
- 1.4 The Improving Lives Sub-group on Post-CSE Support met with senior officers, as well as the providers of the commissioned services in Rotherham. This work enabled the sub-group to establish a sound understanding of the services that were being delivered in Rotherham to support survivors of CSE. Members conducted desktop research and held a series of online meetings with officers and Cabinet Members at other local authorities to learn how they supported survivors of CSE.
- 1.5 The sub-group consisted of Cllr Victoria Cusworth, Cllr Maggi Clark and Cllr Jenny Andrews. Cllr Cusworth was Chair of Improving Lives Select Commission at the time of the review.
- 1.6 The recommendations from the sub-group were presented to Cabinet on 14 February 2022 and Cabinet agreed to provide a response.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 The recommendations to Cabinet from the Scrutiny Review – Post CSE Support were:
 - a) *That post-CSE services are transferred to the Adult Social Care, Housing and Public Health directorate to enable the greater integration and coordination of support pathways that are available to adult victims of trauma as children.*

- b) *That further work is undertaken with relevant partners and survivors to improve the ways in which survivors' voices are captured to inform future reviews of post-abuse services (for example drawing on the research from Sheffield Hallam University, the development of voice and influence groups or other survivor's forums).*
- c) *That consideration is given to appropriate governance arrangements to enable elected members to provide a steer on the activity that is taking place within the Borough to stop CSE/CCE and support survivors.*
- d) *That the Improving Lives Select Commission continue to monitor the provision of post-abuse support to survivors of CSE.*
- e) *In relation to recommendations c) and d), that consideration is given how survivors' voices to inform these processes.*
- f) *To emphasise the shared responsibility of all elected members, that an annual training event/workshop is delivered. This is to ensure that all elected members are kept up to date with the activity within the Borough to protect young people from being at risk of harm from CSE/CCE and support adult survivors to move forwards in their lives.*
- g) *That the relevant Strategic Directors explore options for sharing best practice with other local authorities in the Yorkshire and Humber Region.*
- h) *Drawing on the good practice from Durham County Council, that consideration is given to the language used in the provision of post-CSE support to ensure that it is positive and inclusive of the needs of those accessing services.*

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 3.1 All of the recommendations have been accepted and Appendix 1 sets out further detail on how the recommendations have been or will be actioned.

4. Consultation on proposal

- 4.1 The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health have been consulted with regarding the report and its recommendations.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 5.1 The timetable and accountability are detailed in Appendix 1 (Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Post-CSE Support)

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct procurement implications arising from the recommendations detailed in this report, however it is worth noting that, CYPS currently commission the CSE contracts, the annual value of £156k is funded from the CYPS budget. These contracts were competitively tendered during 2020 in compliance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the Council's own Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules.
- 6.2 The contracts commenced on 1st January 2021 and expire on 31st December 2023, but contain options for extensions for up to a further 2 years ending 31st December 2025.
- 6.3 CYPS Commissioners to remain involved in the development of post CSE support to inform needs analysis, commissioning and service delivery of the other elements of the pathway.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

- 7.1 There do not appear to be any legal implications connected to the recommendations in the report

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

- 8.1 There are no direct HR implications contained within this report.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

- 9.1 The implications for Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults are set out in the attached Improving Lives Select Commission report: Outcomes from the sub-group on Post-CSE Support (background paper) and in the attached Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Post-CSE Support (Appendix 1).

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

- 10.1 The recommendations in this report do not impact directly on the current service provision. The commissioned services will continue to offer access to all communities and groups including those with protected characteristics. The specification was developed after thorough consultation and with consideration of the profile of all socioeconomic groups and communities.
- 10.2 An equality analysis screening is attached as Appendix 2. The screening indicates the equality analysis should be updated prior to re-commissioning as part of the re-procurement process. The analysis should consider the recommendations in this report alongside consideration of the profile of all socioeconomic groups and communities including those with protected characteristics.

11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report

12. Implications for Partners

12.1 The contract evaluation team will have multi-agency representation and the tender evaluation report will be considered by the Trauma and Resilience Expert Reference Group which has representation from health, police and voluntary sector partners.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 There is a requirement for CYPS to continue to be involved in the development and delivery of post-CSE support services as they are a key part of the partnership's hub and commission/ deliver other integrated services.

13.2 The extended timeframe (December 2022) for the transfer of commissioning responsibilities from CYPS to ACPHH enables a robust transition plan to be delivered. This will ensure there is no impact on the quality of contract management/ review/ re-procurement activity.

14. Accountable Officers

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Nathan Atkinson, Assistant Director, Commissioning, ACPHH

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	Named Officer	Date
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Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	26/04/22
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