

## SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> September 2014
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	The implications of the recent report by Professor Alexis Jay OBE into CSE in Rotherham, for the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Organisation:</b>	RMBC – Host Authority

### **5. Summary**

The purpose of this report is to provide Panel members with access to the report recently published by Professor Alexis Jay OBE on Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham. The discussion at the meeting will focus on the Police and Crime Commissioner's response to this report and will provide an opportunity for Panel members to seek reassurances from the Commissioner that he is still in a position to carry out his duties effectively as a result of its publication.

### **6. Recommendations**

**That the Panel:**

- **Considers the Police and Crime Commissioner's response to Professor Jay's report**
- **Determines any further action in light of this response.**

## **7. Proposals and details**

The Police and Crime Commissioner has been required to attend the meeting to provide the Panel with his response to the report by Professor Jay. It should be noted that it has not been possible to provide the Commissioner with the standard notice period to respond, however, given the pressing nature of the report and high level of public interest, a 15 day notice period was deemed by the Chair to represent an unacceptable delay. Nevertheless reasonable notice has been given to the Commissioner

In terms of considering the course of action to be taken by the Panel, Members are reminded that they have limited powers in respect of the Commissioner. The Panel handles complaints in respect of the Commissioner's conduct, which it has the power to informally resolve. However the Panel does not have any power to impose any sanctions or penalties upon the Commissioner.

In addition if the Commissioner is charged with a criminal offence which carries a maximum penalty in excess of two years imprisonment, the Panel has the power to suspend him.

It is recommended therefore, that Panel members consider whether they feel sufficiently reassured by the Commissioner's response as articulated at the meeting.

## **8. Finance**

None

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

The Panel will need to consider the risks that are associated with the Commissioner's position and seek reassurances about the continued delivery of the Police and Crime Plan

## **10. Background Papers and Consultation**

[http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/downloads/file/1407/independent\\_inquiry\\_cse\\_in\\_rotherham](http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/downloads/file/1407/independent_inquiry_cse_in_rotherham)

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