

Scrutiny Inquiry Project Outline

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY INQUIRY PROJECT OUTLINE

Review Topic: Child Sexual Exploitation

Objectives:

- To understand the definition and issues surrounding Child Sexual Exploitation;
- To gain an understanding of the Council's policies and procedures and how they complement those of our partners;
- Identify those services that were most likely to receive intelligence about service users who were potentially at risk or those perpetrating the abuse and understand the reporting mechanisms officers use to report such intelligence.

Desired Outcomes:

- An understanding of the Council's policies and procedures and how they complement those of our partners;
- To make recommendations on any changes to the Council's process and procedures to ensure they are as robust as possible;
- An understanding of the role of the Councillor in the future management and control of services;
- For all Councillors to undertake on-line Child Sexual Exploitation and Safeguarding training.

Terms of Reference:

To understand the Council's requirements in protection of those children and young people who are being/or at risk of being sexually exploited.

To identify key services that have the potential to receive intelligence about those children and young people who were being sexual exploited or at risk of being so, and possible perpetrators of the exploitation either directly or indirectly.

To ensure that the Council's policies and procedures are robust and ensure that any gaps identified were adequately addressed.

To ensure all Councillors are made aware of their responsibilities when it comes to identifying and reporting Child Sexual Exploitation.

Equality and diversity implications:

Risks:

Whether partners will engage with this process

Venue(s):

Town Hall, Market Street, Chorley

Timescale: 4 months

Start: August 2016

Chair: Councillor Roy Lees

Finish: November 2016

Information Requirements and Sources:

Documents/evidence: (what/why?)

NSPCC website – Real Voices : child sexual exploitation in Greater Manchester
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/fighting-for-childhood/news-opinion/real-voices-child-sexual-exploitation-greater-manchester>

Witnesses: (who, why?)

Representatives from the DETER Team, Lancashire Police
Representatives from the education sector (eg pastoral care representative)
Representatives from Children’s Services
Representatives of relevant agency from the voluntary sector

Consultation/Research: (what, why, who?)

Site Visits: (where, why, when?)

Officer Support:

Lead Officer: Louise Elo

Democratic and
Member Services Officer: Cathryn Filbin

Likely Budget Requirements:

Purpose

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Total

Target Body¹ for Findings/Recommendations

(Eg Executive Cabinet, Council, partner)

Executive Cabinet

¹ All project outcomes require the approval of Overview and Scrutiny Committee before progressing