

Report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services to the meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee to be held on 26 March 2015.

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Subject:

Arrangements by the Council and its partners to tackle child sexual exploitation

Summary statement:

This report highlights issues relevant to the Area Committee which arise from the resolution passed unanimously by Council on 21st October 2014 regarding child sexual exploitation (CSE) and from the attached detailed report accepted by the Council Executive on 13th January 2015, regarding the same issue.

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1. SUMMARY

- This report highlights relevant issues from the attached report which was accepted by the Council Executive on 13th January 2015. It sets out in detail the national and local context regarding child sexual exploitation (CSE) and arrangements to tackle it. It also describes preventative initiatives and the work undertaken to investigate historic concerns about CSE and to disrupt and prosecute the perpetrators of CSE.
- In section 10 of the report there are 9 recommendations, the first of which is that Area Committees should receive a report regarding Child Sexual Exploitation. The detailed report and this covering report are presented to the Area Committee in response to the first of the recommendations.

2. BACKGROUND

- Please refer to the attached report.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- None additional to attached report..

4. OPTIONS

- To encourage Ward Members to complete the CSE and other safeguarding training that is available.
- To consider what local Ward Members can contribute to keeping children in their locality safe from CSE.

5. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- None additional to the attached report.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- None additional to the attached report.

7. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- The report has been considered by the office of the City Solicitor and there are no identified legal issues to highlight.





8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

- Child sexual exploitation is a crime committed by predominantly male perpetrators from all different racial backgrounds.

8.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- None

8.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

- None

8.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- None additional to the attached report.

8.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

- Child sexual exploitation is a violation of the rights of the child under the Human Rights Act. The arrangements made by the Council and its partners are intended to prevent the rights of the child being violated in this way.

8.6 TRADE UNION

- There are no implications for Trade Unions

8.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

- Identify any Ward or area implications.

9. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

- None

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- Members of the Committee are requested to consider the attached report.
- Members are requested to consider what they as local ward Members can contribute to keeping children in their locality safe from child sexual exploitation.



11. APPENDICES

- Appendix 1: The report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services to the meeting of the Council Executive held on 13th January: "Arrangements by the Council and its partners to tackle child sexual exploitation."

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12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- None additional to the attached report.

