

Report of the Assistant Director of Children's Services to the meeting of Keighley Area Committee to be held on 11 February 2016

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Subject:

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

Summary statement:

Keighley Area Committee is invited to consider the report presented to Council Executive on 15th September 2015.

This report provides an update to the report presented to the Council Executive on 13th January 2015 and subsequently to the District's Area Committees regarding the issue of child sexual exploitation (CSE). It sets out the arrangements that have been put in place, and which continue to develop, to safeguard children from CSE.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Children's Services



1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 Keighley Area Committee is invited to consider the report presented to Council Executive on 15th September 2015.
- 1.2 This report provides an update to the report presented to the Council Executive on 13th January 2015 and subsequently to the District's Area Committees regarding the issue of child sexual exploitation (CSE). It sets out the arrangements that have been put in place, and which continue to develop, to safeguard children from CSE.
- 1.3 Section 10 of the appended Executive committee report sets out six recommendations to be considered by the Council Executive on September 15th 2015.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Please refer to the attached report.
- 2.2 Since the completion of the appended report it is possible to provide further information as an update regarding work undertaken by the Local Authority Youth Service to contribute to the partnership 9 point strategy for tackling CSE, which is appended to the Council Executive Report.
- 2.3 The Youth Service demonstrates a strong commitment to ensuring that its practitioners and managers receive relevant training and support regarding CSE with good take up of the CSE on line learning module. This commitment to developing the service awareness and skills in relation to CSE is demonstrated by an event delivered during Safeguarding Week (19 – 23 October). This was a professional development day for the Service entitled: "Early intervention and prevention of CSE - sharing good practice in youth work".
- 2.4 A senior council officer with responsibility for the Youth Service is a member of the Bradford Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) CSE sub group and this ensures a coordinated contribution to the delivery of the 9 point strategy for tackling CSE.
- 2.5 Appendix 2 gives details of specific activities to address CSE issues that are taking place in the Keighley Area.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 None additional to the attached report.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 None additional to the attached report.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1 None additional to the attached report.



6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

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

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

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

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

7.2.1 None.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

7.3.1 None.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

7.4.1 None additional to those identified in the attached report.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

7.5.1 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.

7.6 TRADE UNION

7.6.1 There are no implications for Trades Unions.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

7.7.1 The Executive report recommends that every Area Committee receives an update report regarding CSE in the next 6 months.

7.8 WARD PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.8.1 CSE is reflected in individual ward plans where necessary.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1 None.

9. OPTIONS



9.1 To encourage all Elected Members to complete the CSE on line training and other appropriate safeguarding training and awareness raising opportunities.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 Members of the Committee are requested to consider the attached report.

10.2 Members are requested to consider what further enquiries may assist future corporate scrutiny in this area.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1: Report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services to the meeting of Council Executive to be held on 15th September 2015.

11.2 Appendix 2: Specific Activity to Address CSE issues in the Keighley Area.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 None additional to the attached report.

