

<b>CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>21 NOVEMBER 2017</b>
<b>CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION UPDATE</b>
<b>REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE</b>

**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To receive an update on work to tackle child sexual exploitation in the City.

**2 Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to review the effectiveness of action to tackle child sexual exploitation in the City.

**3 Background information**

- 3.1 The findings and recommendations of the Jay and Casey reports into child sexual exploitation in Rotherham were a key driver for the establishment of this Committee to ensure robust scrutiny of issues relating to the wellbeing and safeguarding of children and young people in the City. Therefore the Committee has requested regular updates on work to reduce risks of child sexual exploitation and tackle any cases of child sexual exploitation that occur.
- 3.2 In December 2015 the Committee received an overview of work to tackle sexual exploitation in the City, including work with partners, including in Nottinghamshire County; development of practice guidance to support staff; provision of training and awareness raising for staff, carers and young people; and appointment of a Child Sexual Exploitation Co-ordinator.
- 3.3 The Child Sexual Exploitation Co-ordinator takes the operational lead in driving practice and learning and developing operational responses to the Cross Authority work plan; and manages the Missing Children's Team to enable swift identification and intervention for any young people at risk of child sexual exploitation. The Co-ordinator will be attending the meeting to discuss, and answer questions about her role.

**4 List of attached information**

- 4.1 Briefing paper on child sexual exploitation

**5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

5.1 None

**6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

6.1 Report to and minutes of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee meeting held on

Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham, 2014 (Jay Report)

Department of Communities and Local Government Report 'Report of Inspection of Rotherham Borough Council', 2015 (Casey Report)

**7 Wards affected**

7.1 All

**8 Contact information**

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