

<b>CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>26 SEPTEMBER 2019</b>
<b>INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE</b>
<b>REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE</b>

## **1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To scrutinise action being taken by the Council in response to the findings and recommendations of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse.

## **2 Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to:
- a) consider the findings and recommendations of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, with a focus on Nottingham;
  - b) scrutinise the Council's initial response and action being taken and planned in relation to the Inquiry's findings and recommendations; and
  - c) identify the scope and timescales of future scrutiny.

## **3 Background information**

- 3.1 The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse was established in 2015 to consider the growing evidence of historical institutional failures to protect children from child sexual abuse, and to make recommendations to ensure the best possible protection for children in the future. The Inquiry included looking into historical failures to protect children in the care of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Councils.
- 3.2 The Inquiry published its findings into the extent of any institutional failures to protect children in the care of Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County Councils from sexual abuse in July 2019.
- 3.3 Background information on the Inquiry and its findings, with a focus on the Nottingham context, and next steps is attached. This includes a web link to the report.
- 3.4 Representatives of Children's Services will be attending the meeting to answer questions from the Committee.

## **4 List of attached information**

- 4.1 Briefing on the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse

**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 of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse 'Children in the Care of Nottinghamshire Councils' July 2019  
[www.iicsa.org.uk/publications/investigation/nottinghamshire-councils](http://www.iicsa.org.uk/publications/investigation/nottinghamshire-councils)

**7 Wards affected**

7.1 All

**8 Contact information**

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