

# Scrutiny Board

8 November 2016

<b>Report title</b>	Scrutiny Review of Child Sexual Exploitation Recommendations – Update	
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<b>Wards affected</b>	All	
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<b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>		

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## Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Scrutiny Board is recommended to:

1. Consider progress made to implement recommendations from the scrutiny review of child exploitation which concluded in 2016.
2. Agree to close down the review on the basis that the recommendations have been implemented and proposals for sustainable delivery developed.

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Scrutiny Board on progress in implementing recommendations of the Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Scrutiny Review completed during 2015/16, as requested at the meeting.
- 1.2 To bring to the attention of Scrutiny Board the executive response as **Appendix 1**.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 At the Annual Scrutiny Planning Session on 3 June 2015 Councillors suggested that the topic of CSE would benefit from a scrutiny review. The scrutiny review group met on seven occasions to gather evidence from key witnesses with knowledge and understanding of the issues under investigation.
- 2.2 The overall aim of the review was to assess the effectiveness and impact of local safeguarding policies and practices in protecting children and young people in Wolverhampton from the risk of being sexually exploited.
- 2.3 The members of the review group wanted reassurance that the City of Wolverhampton Council and members of Wolverhampton Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB) were meeting their responsibilities to protect vulnerable children from the risk of being sexually exploited based on the known scale and extent of CSE in Wolverhampton.

## **3.0 Financial implications**

- 3.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. Any costs associated with the executive response to the scrutiny review will be met from existing safeguarding budgets.  
[GS/02112016/I]

## **4.0 Legal implications**

- 4.1 There are no legal implications arising from the recommendations in this report.  
[TC/07112016/A]

## **5.0 Equalities implications**

- 5.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising from the findings or recommendations in this report. However, the equalities implications of the recommendations will be considered throughout the municipal year.

## **6.0 Environmental implications**

- 6.1 There are no environmental implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

## **7.0 Human resources implications**

- 7.1 There are no human resource implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

## **8.0 Corporate landlord implications**

8.1 There are no corporate landlord implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

## **9.0 Schedule of background papers**

9.1 Scrutiny Review of Child Sexual Exploitation - Cabinet - 20 April 2016