

# NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY



### SCRUTINY PANEL 1 – CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

#### CORE QUESTIONS – EXPERT ADVISORS

The Scrutiny Panel is currently undertaking a review that is investigating Northampton Borough Council (NBC) plays an active role in tackling Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

##### **Key Lines of Enquiry**

- To gain an understanding of the work currently being undertaken by partnerships, statutory and voluntary organisations, and the Police to address these issues
- To investigate how NBC contributes to the above work
- To raise awareness of CSE, human trafficking and domestic slavery of children in Northampton
- To explore best practice elsewhere in identifying and providing support to victims of CSE
- To understand what NBC is doing outside the Scrutiny process in relation to human trafficking and domestic slavery of children

The expected outcomes of this Scrutiny Review are:

- To make evidence based recommendations to improve the role that NBC has in tackling CSE
- To make recommendations, as appropriate, regarding partnership working in tackling CSE

## CORE QUESTIONS:

A series of key questions have been put together to inform the evidence base of the Scrutiny Panel:

1. Please provide details of the work currently being undertaken by your organisation to address child sexual exploitation (CSE)
2. Is there a clear and robust multi-Agency strategy for information sharing, preventing and managing CSE?
3. What other multi-Agency forums exist to facilitate joint working?
4. What is the extent and profile of CSE in Northampton? How do we know this?
5. How does NBC contribute to the above work (**question for internal witnesses.**)
6. To raise the Scrutiny Panel's awareness, please supply details of what NBC is doing, outside the Scrutiny process, in relation to human trafficking and domestic slavery of children (**question for internal witnesses**)
7. How effective has NBC, its partners and the Police, been in engaging with the local community and other organisations in raising awareness of CSE?
8. How can awareness be raised further of CSE, human trafficking and domestic slavery of children in Northampton?
9. How is CSE incorporated into local training programmes, and who is able to access this training?
10. What support is available to current, potential and historic victims of CSE?
11. Do you have further information regarding the role of NBC in tackling CSE?