

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of the Scrutiny Panel was to ensure Northampton Borough Council (NBC) plays an active role in tackling Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

### **Key lines of Inquiry:**

- 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 required outcomes being to make evidence based recommendations to improve the role that NBC has in tackling CSE and to make recommendations, as appropriate, regarding partnership working in tackling CSE.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee, at its work programming event in April 2016, agreed to include a review that would look at how NBC played an active role in tackling CSE. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned Scrutiny Panel 1 to undertake the review. An in-depth review commenced in May 2016 and concluded in March 2017.

A Scrutiny Panel was established comprising of Councillors from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Councillor Dennis Meredith (Chair), Councillors Rufia Ashraf, Janice Duffy, Brian Sargeant, Zoe Smith and Graham Walker together with other non-Executive Councillors Councillor James Hill (Deputy Chair); Councillors Muna Cali, Cathrine Russell and Danielle Stone.

## **CONCLUSIONS AND KEY FINDINGS**

A significant amount of evidence was heard, details of which are contained in the report. After gathering evidence the Scrutiny Panel established that: -

**To be added**

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The above overall findings have formed the basis for the following recommendations: -

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Scrutiny Panel 1 recommends to Cabinet:

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