



## Appendix A

### OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

#### SCRUTINY PANEL 1 - CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE)

##### 1. Purpose/Objectives of the Review

- To ensure 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

##### 2. Outcomes Required

- 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

##### 3. Information Required

- Background data
- Background reports
- Best practice data
- Desktop research
- Evidence from expert internal witnesses
- Evidence from expert external witnesses
- Site visits (if applicable)

## 4. Format of Information

- Background data, including:
  - Presentation to set the scene: To identify the prevalence of the problem locally
  - Relevant national and local background research papers
  - Definitions – CSE, human trafficking and domestic slavery
  - Case Studies
  
- Best practice external to Northampton
  
- Internal expert advisors:
  - Leader of the Council, Northampton Borough Council (NBC)
  - Cabinet Member for Community Safety, NBC
  - Director of Customers and Communities, NBC and the Environmental Health and Licensing Manager, NBC
  - Chair of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP)
  - Service Manager, Anti-Social Behaviour Unit
  
- External expert advisors:
  - Head of Protecting Vulnerable Persons, Northamptonshire Police
  - Service Manager, RISE Team
  - Senior Manager, Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children's Board
  - Director, Education Services, NCC
  - Representative, Children's Rights' Group, Corporate Parenting Board
  - Chief Officer, Northamptonshire Victim Support
  - Cabinet Member for Adult Services, NCC
  - Cabinet Member for Children's Services, NCC
  - Chair, Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Board
  - Service Manager, Barnardo's
  - Service Manager, Save the Children
  - Chief Officer, Service Six
  - Chief Officer, Lowdowne Centre
  - Manager, Free to Talk Group
  - Chief Officer, Rape and Crisis Centre
  - Chief Executive, Northampton Partnership Homes (NPH)
  - Chief Officer, Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

- Site visit to the RISE Team, Northampton, MAASH, and other areas of the country that have been recognised for its good work in CSE

## **5. Methods Used to Gather Information**

- Minutes of meetings
- Desktop research
- Site visits
- Officer reports
- Presentations
- Examples of best practice
- Witness Evidence:-
  - Key witnesses as detailed in section 4 of this scope

## **6. Co-Options to the Review**

- Chair, Children, Learning & Communities Scrutiny Committee, Northamptonshire County Council, to be approached suggesting that they are co-opted to this Review for its life.

## **7 Community Impact Screening Assessment**

- A Community Impact Screening Assessment to be undertaken on the scope of the Review

## **8 Evidence gathering Timetable**

May 2016 – March 2017

- |                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| • 12 May 2016    | - Scoping meeting       |
| • 7 July         | - Evidence gathering    |
| • 8 September    | - Evidence gathering    |
| • 10 November    | - Evidence gathering    |
| • 5 January 2017 | - Evidence gathering    |
| • 16 March       | - Approval final report |

Various site visits will be programmed during this period, if required.

Meetings to commence at 6.00 pm

## **9. Responsible Officers**

Lead Officers            Phil Harris, Head of Housing and Wellbeing  
Co-ordinator            Tracy Tiff, Scrutiny Officer

## **10. Resources and Budgets**

Phil Harris, Head of Housing and Wellbeing, to provide internal advice.

## **11. Final report presented by:**

Completed by March 2017. Presented by the Chair of the Panel to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and then to Cabinet.

## **12. Monitoring procedure:**

Review the impact of the report after six months (approximately November/December 2017)