

# Cheshire East Council

## Cabinet

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
<b>Report of:</b>	Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee
<b>Subject/Title:</b>	Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Task and Finish Group
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Councillor Liz Durham, Children and Families

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### **1. Report Summary**

1.1. This report introduces the CSE Task and Finish Group's findings, conclusions and recommendations.

### **2. Recommendations**

2.1. That Cabinet receive the Task and Finish Group's Report (attached).

2.2. That Cabinet be requested to respond to the Task and Finish Group's recommendations, which are contained in the attached report at paragraph 14.

### **3. Other Options Considered**

3.1. None

### **4. Reasons for Recommendations**

4.1. As outlined in the accompanying report.

### **5. Background/Chronology**

5.1 In November 2015, the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee re-convened a Task and Finish Group which had completed the first stage of a review of the Council's arrangements to protect children and young people from CSE. The second phase of the review, under the Chairmanship of Councillor Rhoda Bailey, investigated how the various strategies and policies currently in place are put into practice across Cheshire East

### **6. Wards Affected and Local Ward Members**

6.1 All

## **7. Implications of Recommendation**

### **7.1. Policy Implications**

7.1.1 Consideration of policy implications is not known at this stage.

### **7.2. Legal Implications**

7.2.1 There are no legal implications.

### **7.3. Financial Implications**

7.3.1 As most recommendations relate to processes, there would potentially be no cost to the recommendations. In respect of potential changes to accommodation, these would need to be considered in terms of the available budget for re-location and refurbishment within facilities management.

### **7.4 Equality Implications**

7.4.1 There are no equality implications.

### **7.5 Rural Community Implications**

7.5.1 There are no rural community implications

### **7.6 Human Resources Implications**

7.6.1 There are no human resource implications.

### **7.7 Public Health Implications**

7.7.1 There are no public health implications.

### **7.8 Implications for Children and Young People**

7.8.1 As with all forms of abuse, Child Sexual Exploitation can impact on all aspects of a child's development and relationships, including their physical and mental health, their friendships and educational achievement. These effects can continue into adulthood influencing their health and wellbeing and undermining their resilience. It is therefore critical that the Council is confident not only of their role in acting to identify and intervene where a child is at risk of CSE, but also in promoting children and young people's understanding of healthy relationships, and how to get advice and help, including the knowledge and confidence of their parents. For this reason the findings and implications of this report are relevant for all our children and young people

### **7.9 Other Implications**

7.9.1 None

## **8. Risk Management**

- 8.1 Failure to continually review and amend strategies in relation to CSE may result in services which do not address the best needs of vulnerable children and young people.
- 8.2 With respect to hackney carriage and private hire licensing arrangements, there are potential risks around information sharing with other local authorities and agencies on applications around data protection that may require data sharing agreements and protocols to ensure compliance with the data protection act and avoidance of any data breaches and associated impact on individuals as well as the Council.
- 8.3 In relation to closer integration of working arrangements, the threat to implementing these recommendations would be that demand and resources in individual service areas and within other agencies (e.g. Police) may result in an inability to improve closer working arrangements even if there is a willingness, if there is insufficient resource to allow them to participate.
- 8.4 The risks concerning the re-location of teams relate to the availability of sufficient financial budget or physical availability to make the changes requested either immediately or in the longer term.

## **9. Access to Information/Bibliography**

- 9.1 None

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