



NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

13 JUNE 2016

BRIEFING NOTE:

**SCRUTINY PANEL 1 – CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE), HUMAN
TRAFFICKING AND DOMESTIC SLAVERY**

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned Scrutiny Panel 1 to undertake a Review regarding Child Sexual Exploitation, Human Trafficking and Domestic Slavery the rationale being “To ensure Northampton Borough Council plays an active role in tackling CSE, human trafficking and domestic slavery.”
- 1.2 Membership of the Scrutiny Panel comprises Councillor Dennis Meredith (Chair); Councillor James Hill (Deputy Chair); Councillors Rufia Ashraf, Sally Beardsworth, Muna Cali, Janice Duffy, Brian Oldham, Brian Sargeant, Zoe Smith, Danielle Stone and Graham Walker.
- 1.3 At the inaugural meeting of the Scrutiny Panel, Councillors agreed the scope of the Review; a copy is attached at Appendix A, for the Committee’s approval.

2 UPDATE

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Panel agreed that the title of the Review should be amended to read: “Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).”
- 2.2 It was further suggested that the purpose of the Review be updated to read “To ensure Northampton Borough Council plays an active role in tackling CSE.”
- 2.3 In discussing the rationale for the Review, the Scrutiny Panel felt that the required outcomes should be:
 - 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

2.4 The schedule of meetings comprises:-

May 2016 to March 2017

12 May 2016

7 July

8 September

10 November

5 January 2017

16 March

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

2.6 Meetings of the Scrutiny Panel will commence at 6.00pm and be held in the Jeffery Room at the Guildhall.

2.7 In accordance with the Scrutiny Panel Protocol the Chair of this Scrutiny Panel will provide written progress reports to future meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for information.

3 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee approves the scope of the Scrutiny Panel 1, as attached at Appendix A.

3.2 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee amends the title of this Scrutiny Review to read "Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)".

3.3 That the purpose of the Scrutiny Review is updated to read "*To ensure Northampton Borough Council plays an active role in tackling CSE.*"

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