

Meeting: Children, Education and Skills Sub-committee
Date: 15 February 2016
Title: Child Sexual Exploitation Sub Group – Cabinet response

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Service: Law and Governance

Wards affected: All

Information:

At its meeting held on 14 December 2015 Cabinet received a report from the Child Sexual Exploitation Sub Group. In accordance with Section 21B of the Local Government Act 2000, Cabinet is required to provide a response to the recommendations of the Sub Group within two months. Further to the Cabinet report circulated with the agenda for this meeting, copied below is Cabinet's decision on whether to accept the recommendations from the Sub Group.

Extract from the minutes of Cabinet held on 8 February 2016.

CAB132/02/16 Cabinet Response to Child Sexual Exploitation Sub-Group Recommendations (All Wards)

Cabinet considered a report which set out proposed responses to the recommendations of the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee in relation to a study undertaken by a Sub-Group of the Children, Education and Skills Sub-Committee into the Authority's arrangements to protect young people in the Borough from child sexual exploitation. The report had been considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 14 December 2015 (Minute CAB98/12/15 refers)

In response to the number of national high profile cases and reviews in relation to child sexual exploitation in recent years, a Sub-Group of the Sub-Committee had undertaken an in-depth study on the Authority's role and practice on issues relating to child sexual exploitation in North Tyneside.

As a result of the study, the Sub-Committee had identified eleven recommendations. The proposed responses were detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

The Sub Group and officers were thanked for the report.

Cabinet considered the following decision options:

- Option 1 - accept the recommendation detailed in paragraph 1.2 of the report;
- Option 2 - not accept the recommendation detailed in paragraph 1.2 of the report.
- Option 3 - accept, reject or amend any of the proposed responses detailed in the report on an individual basis.

Resolved that the proposed responses to the recommendations from the Children Education and Skills Sub-Committee Sub Group, in relation to its study into Child Sexual Exploitation, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

(Reason for decision – it will support the effective delivery of measures to support victims of child sexual exploitation in North Tyneside.)