

Appendix 1

Cabinet Report - Tackling Sexual Exploitation Together – Update – 19 April 2018

No.	Recommendation	Status	Further information
2.1	Cabinet agree that NWG is commissioned to work with the CATE team to undertake a health check of the existing partnership working arrangements in respect of working to prevent child sexual exploitation in Telford & Wrekin and support those affected by it.	In progress	NWG have been contacted and have agreed to undertake a focussed piece of work for the Council. Details are currently being agreed. This work is being funded by the LGA on the basis that any learning will be shared nationally
2.2	Cabinet delegate authority to the Assistant Director: Children’s Safeguarding & Early Help in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Adults Early Help & Support to submit a bid to the Government’s Trusted Relationships Fund to support the Council’s continuing work in this area.	In progress	The first stage of the bid process, an Expression of Interest, has been prepared and submitted
2.3	Cabinet agree that funding from the Capacity Fund should also be committed to commission partners in the voluntary sector to provide on-going support for victims and survivors generally and those who come forward as a result of the work of the Truth Project. This funding to be provided for an initial period of 2 years with a review at that time	In progress	Discussions have been initiated with relevant groups about commissioning the most effective services and specifications are being prepared
2.4	Members note and acknowledge the 2 year funding contribution of £70,000 from John Campion, the Police & Crime Commissioner to support work in respect of child sexual exploitation in the Borough. This supplements the extra contributions that the Cabinet is being invited to commit to in these recommendations	No further action	Cabinet note that £70,000 has also been committed by the CCG over 2 years
2.5	Cabinet agree that the Council’s Capacity Fund should be used to support the appointment of a co-ordinator post to ensure the most effective liaison between the Council and the Truth Project from now until its work in Telford is completed and reported and to help ensure that this takes place as soon as possible.	In progress	An interim solution is already in place with an officer from the Co-operative Council Delivery Team liaising with the representatives from the Truth Project to facilitate their time in Telford. A Job description has been drafted and currently being evaluated.

<p>2.6 Cabinet Members note the current position in respect of the IICSA inquiry and the arrival of the Truth Project in Telford & Wrekin and commit the Council to supporting this in every way to ensure that anyone affected who wants to is aware of the Truth Project and can use the opportunity to help the whole country to learn from their experiences.</p>	<p>No further action required</p>	<p>A number of teams are liaising closely with the team from the Truth Project advising on venues, potential interested parties including inter faith and BME groups and publicity and appointments are currently being made with the Truth Project Team</p>
<p>2.7 Following recent press releases from IICSA Cabinet recognise that the Truth Project should first complete before IICSA takes any decision on a Telford specific investigation. After this a fully informed decision on local inquiry can be made. Cabinet confirms that this decision must be informed by independent advice on the work undertaken by all partners in stopping child sexual exploitation in the Borough Telford & Wrekin and the scope and effect of any future local inquiry.</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>See main Report</p>
<p>2.8 Having done so before in September 2017 the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Enforcement write again to the Minister for Transport re-iterating the Council's call for standard national hackney carriage and private hire vehicle operator conditions to include provisions regarding safe-guarding and the protection of vulnerable adults and children as are currently included in this Council's conditions.</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>Letter sent 5 April 2018. A response has since been received to a previous letter dated 12 March 2018</p>
<p>2.9 Cabinet Members confirm that this report and appendices should be circulated with the papers for the Extraordinary Council meeting on the 10 April 2018</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>Papers were circulated for the Full Council meeting</p>