

# REQUEST FOR A COOPERATIVE REVIEW



Please submit this document to Democratic Support once complete.

The request will be submitted to the Co-operative Scrutiny Board for consideration against the approval criteria and you will be notified of its success. If the Board approve the request for a Co-operative Review on the subject matter below then a project plan will be completed and you may be asked for further information.

<b>What is the name of the review?</b>	<b>Be-wise to Child Sexual Exploitation</b>
<b>Please provide a brief outline of the subject and scope of the review?</b>	There is a national focus on the sexual exploitation of children following the publication of the Jay Report ( <i>Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham, 1997-2013, Alexis Jay OBE</i> ), which highlighted the scale of child sexual exploitation in Rotherham, a city of similar demographics to Plymouth. The review aims to scrutinise the current provision in the city for children and young people who are vulnerable to sexual exploitation, and ensure that there is a programme to keep children safe from exploitation and trafficking in place.
<b>Please outline the reasons as to why you believe a review needs to take place?</b>	The main reasons of the review are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• this is a priority for the Plymouth Safeguarding Children Board;</li> <li>• there is a national focus on the sexual exploitation of children and this is an area of concern for the public.</li> </ul>
<b>What will the review attempt to achieve?</b>	It will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• make recommendations to Cabinet on the issue of child sexual exploitation;</li> <li>• demonstrate that the panel has reviewed the issues concerned and highlighted potential shortfalls in the current provision of support to children at risk of sexual exploitation.</li> </ul>
<b>Who will benefit from the review?</b>	The beneficiaries will be children and young people at risk of child sexual exploitation across the city, and their families.
<b>How long do you think the review might take?</b>	The review is anticipated to take 3 months, with four public meetings held.
<b>When do you think the review should</b>	The review will commence in December 2014, with a project planning meeting scheduled for November.

<b>commence and why?</b>	
<b>When do you think the review should be completed by and why?</b>	The review is anticipated to be completed by March 2015. This will allow adequate time for the panel to complete the review and consider all the relevant and required evidence and witness statements and ensure that any recommendations are prepared in sufficient time to be presented at the next available Cabinet meeting.
<b>Review requested by?</b>	Councillor Sally Bowie

Received in Democratic Support Section:	Reviewed by the Co-operative Scrutiny Board:
Date:	Date:
Scrutiny Review Approved/Rejected	
If approved initial Project Plan meeting date:	