

# CO-OPERATIVE REVIEW PROJECT PLAN

BE-WISE TO CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION



PLYMOUTH  
CITY COUNCIL

Background	
Chair:	Councillor Mrs Terri Beer
Lead Officer:	Tony Staunton, Child Protection Manager
Democratic Support Officer:	Lynn Young
Membership:	Councillors Mrs Beer, Bowie, Mrs Bowyer, Sam Davey, Jordan, Riley and Singh
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Sue McDonald
Date review approved by the Co-operative Scrutiny Board:	22 October 2014
Summary of subject to be reviewed:	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.
Reason(s) and rationale for the review:	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>
Objectives of the review:	The review 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>
What will the review look at?	Current arrangements for dealing with victims of child sexual exploitation, and those children and young people who are at risk of sexual exploitation.
Which areas will be excluded from the review?	
What City and Council Priorities does the review relate to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raise Aspirations;</li> <li>• Reduce Inequality.</li> </ul>

Identify links to other Council policies, projects or strategies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South West Peninsula Child Sexual Exploitation Standard Operating Protocol;</li> <li>• South West Peninsula Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy.</li> </ul>
Who will benefit from the review:	Victims of child sexual exploitation and children and young people at risk of sexual exploitation.

## Methodology

The method and approach of the review:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document analysis;</li> <li>• Interviewing experts;</li> <li>• Interviewing witnesses and service users;</li> <li>• Comparison with other authorities;</li> <li>• Research activities;</li> </ul>
Witnesses and experts:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Managers/Chief Officers;</li> <li>• Service users;</li> <li>• External partners;</li> <li>• Professional experts;</li> <li>• Representatives from Devon &amp; Cornwall Police;</li> <li>• Barnardos</li> <li>• NSPCC;</li> <li>• Representatives from local religious/faith groups;</li> <li>• Local education establishments.</li> </ul>
Co-opted representatives:	
Documents and/or reports for analysis e.g. internal/external reports or legislation):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government guidance or legislation;</li> <li>• Local policies and strategies;</li> <li>• Newspaper articles;</li> <li>• Published reports;</li> <li>• Evidence from other Local Councils.</li> </ul>
Site visits:	TBC
Consultations/Research:	Research relevant reports and documents.
Publicity:	TBA
Evaluation method	Through future meetings of the Ambitious Plymouth panel.
Resource Requirements:	TBA once plans finalised.
Barriers and Risks:	

## Timetable

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Timescale / Date(s)</b>	<b>Intended Outcome(s)</b>
Meeting 1:	Thursday 8 January 2015, 1 pm	To receive further background information in relation to the subject matter of the review, consider the recommendations from the Jay Report. Finalise plans for meetings 2, 3, 4 and 5.
Meeting 2:	Thursday 26 February 2015, 09.30 am	TBC
Meeting 3:	Friday 6 March 2015, 09.30 am	TBC
Meeting 4:	Thursday 12 March 2015, 09.30 am	TBC
Draft report:	Ongoing	
Meeting 5 (finalise report and agree recommendations):	Friday 13 March 2015, 1 pm	To finalise report and agree recommendations.
Submit report to the Co-operative Scrutiny Board Meeting:	March/April 2015	
Submit to Cabinet Meeting:	At earliest opportunity	
Submit to other bodies/organisations:	TBC	
Scrutiny Panel to evaluate and track the outcomes of the Co-operative Review:	To be included in Ambitious Plymouth work programme for 2015-2016	