

# 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>
<p><b>Please provide a brief outline of the subject and scope of the review?</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The review will work in partnership with Children’s Safeguarding Board, Children and Young People’s Partnership and Safer Plymouth. It is proposed that members are co-opted to the review panel from those bodies.</p> <p>The review will require five elected members as a minimum.</p>
<p><b>Please outline the reasons as to why you believe a review needs to take place?</b></p>	<p>The main reasons of the review are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• this is a priority for a number of partnership bodies in the City;</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>
<p><b>What will the review attempt to achieve?</b></p>	<p>It will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify the potential number of children in Plymouth subject to, or at risk of child sexual exploitation (CSE). In particular how CSE impacts the following groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ children who go missing</li> <li>○ children in the care of the local authority;</li> <li>○ children with persistent absence from their educational settings</li> <li>○ children with mental health, and or multiple vulnerabilities.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• review oversight of child sexual exploitation across statutory partners and their approach to tackling the issue</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• review the work being undertaken in schools on sex and relationship education</li> <li>• To make detailed recommendations to the Co-operative Scrutiny Board on the findings of the review.</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>	<p>The review will be a key plank of the Ambitious Plymouth 2015/16 work programme. Details of numbers and scheduling of public meetings will be defined through the project planning process.</p> <p>It is expected that the review will be undertaken over a period of months reporting to the Board and Cabinet toward the end of the calendar year.</p>
<b>When do you think the review should commence and why?</b>	<p>The review will commence in July 2015.</p> <p>Following a project planning meeting an initial call for evidence will form the basis of the remainder of the review.</p> <p>This review should be undertaken immediately as it has been identified as an area of public concern.</p>
<b>When do you think the review should be completed by and why?</b>	<p>The review is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2015.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>Review requested by?</b>	Councillors Mrs Beer and 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:	