

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting23rd February 2023

1. Title of Item/Report

Scrutiny Review of Contextual Safeguarding and Youth Relationships -
Final Report of the Children and Young People Select Committee

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the Scrutiny Review of Contextual
Safeguarding and Youth Relationships - Final Report of the Children and
Young People Select Committee.

RESOLVED that:-

1. A strategic partnership approach to Contextualised Safeguarding be agreed and monitored through existing established multi-agency partnerships such as Safer Stockton Partnership, YOT Board, HSSCP and the Children and Young People's Board.
2. A consistent definition of child criminal exploitation and contextual safeguarding be developed and adopted by all Stockton-on-Tees partners.
3. Clear outcome measures be defined to measure success of interventions and approaches.
4. Support be provided for schools, in partnership with Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSSCP), to promote understanding of contextualised safeguarding and relationships through the development and delivery of a programme of awareness raising and training supplemented with advice and guidance and clear routes into support.
5. A training and support programme be delivered to Children's Services staff to enhance understanding of contextualised safeguarding and to help recognise and support young people who are being exploited or at risk of exploitation.
6. A programme of awareness raising be developed for key partners and elected Members.

7. A community guardian programme be introduced within schools and communities across Stockton-on-Tees to provide wider community support.

8. Multi-agency capacity to support MACE approach be strengthened through the strengthening of existing arrangements to meet need.

9. An options appraisal be undertaken on how Children's Services can achieve the best outcomes for young people through improved practice and additional capacity and focus, including through the use of voices of experience. This will include options for structure and effective multi-agency working.

3. Reasons for the Decision

This topic was included in the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2022/23. The review is now complete and the recommendations have been endorsed by the Children and Young People Select Committee for submission to Cabinet.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight Friday 3 March 2023

Proper Officer
27 February 2023