

APPENDIX 1 - Update on recommendations from CCE Inquiry

Ref	Theme	Recommendation	Cabinet portfolio(s)	Completion date	Cabinet Member assessment	Notes
R01	Definition and Scale	Council asks the Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities to request the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership (BCSP) commissions a Child Criminal Exploitation problem profile.	Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities	July 2024	1: Achieved (Fully)	The West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership's Strategic Needs Assessment is published online at https://data-and-insight-hub-wmvru.hub.arcgis.com/ . The profile is overseen by the Birmingham Violence Reduction Board and will be shared across the relevant Boards.
R02	Early Intervention and Resilience	Council asks the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families to request the stakeholder engagement group convened by the Violence Reduction Partnership is extended to statutory organisations with a remit for Child Criminal Exploitation.	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families	October 2024	1: Achieved (Fully)	VRP has confirmed there is not a Birmingham wide stakeholder group. There are local community safety partnership meetings which include all statutory organisations - West Midlands Police, Birmingham City Council, Birmingham Children's Trust, West Midlands Fire Service as well as other organisations such as Birmingham Social Housing Partnership.
R03	Early Intervention and Resilience	Council asks the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families to work with the Contextual Safeguarding Board and Partners to explore delivery of a campaign to increase the awareness of parents and carers of the risks of exploitation and what steps they can take.	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families	October 2024	6: In Progress	A number of meetings and discussions have been had with football clubs across the region regarding a regional campaign around missing children to take place on match days at half time as Missing is an indicator of exploitation. In addition discussions have been had about attendance at community events to raise awareness to parents and carers around exploitation and when children go missing and the service has met with the BCSP web and social media officer. Discussion is to be had with the BCC Head of strategy and communications and a clear comms plan is needed in relation to this specific recommendation. The Violence Reduction Partnership have launched their My Tomorrow campaign which fits in with this agenda . In relation to Recommendation 3 there is an opportunity to perhaps merge this with the planned awareness campaign being undertaken by Contextual Safeguarding Board.Work is underway to explore the feasibility of pooling resources to make a bigger impact. I have written to HoS Contextual Safeguarding and BCSP Clair and Katherine separately to explore the feasibility of pooling resources to make a bigger impact.
R04	Early Intervention and Resilience	Council asks the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families to lobby Government (and any future change in government) to adequately fund the provision of youth services, with ring-fenced funding and to protect this in statute with a Youth Service Bill	Leader of the Council Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families	October 2024	6: In Progress	In Labour's manifesto, the party pledged to deliver the Young Futures Hubs programme, aiming to "intervene earlier to stop young people being drawn into crime, creating a new network of hubs reaching every community. These hubs will have youth workers, mental health support workers, and careers advisers on hand to support young people's mental health and avoid them being drawn into crime". This brings together a number of important and interlinked aspects of young people's lives: violence and crime, mental health and employability. Labour has pledged that the hubs will be boosted by new youth workers to operate in Pupil Referral Units and hospital accident and emergency departments who can be based out of the hubs, to offer young people a pathway out of violence. We are awaiting the announcement on the roll out of Youth Hubs and the scope is being considered in the redesign of the Youth Service.
R05	Early Intervention and Resilience	Council asks the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families to request the Contextual Safeguarding Board and Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership work with organisations to review their mandatory training offer to better equip staff to recognise signs of Child Criminal Exploitation and minimise the risk of bias in decision making.	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families	October 2024	1: Achieved (Fully)	The Contextual Safeguarding Board has worked in collaboration with the Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership to review and expand its Multi-Agency Training offer on both Child Sexual and Criminal Exploitation for 2024/25. BSCP commissions three specific training modules for front-line practitioners focused on Child Exploitation. Three 'Tackling Child Exploitation in Birmingham' courses have been delivered during this financial year with a further two courses planned. To coincide with publication of a Local Child Safeguarding Practice into serious youth violence and exploitation in June 2024, BSCP hosted a webinar to cascade the key learning. The 'Breaking the Cycle' webinar was attended by over 240 professionals in Birmingham. The partnership also delivered an Advanced Child Sexual and Criminal Exploitation – Trauma and Developing Skills for Practice Training Module in March 2024. There are plans to revise and develop our Child Exploitation Modules this year. 1. Webinar raising awareness on grooming of children. 2. Introduction to Child Exploitation. 3. Tackling Child Exploitation. 4. Webinar on Child Criminal Exploitation a lived experience.

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R06	Early Intervention and Resilience	Council asks the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families to work with Birmingham City Council and Birmingham Children's Trust to ensure all staff working directly with children receive mandatory training on Child Criminal Exploitation and this is part of a continuous professional development approach.	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families	October 2024	1: Achieved (Fully)	<p>The Trust's Learning Academy runs an in-person CCE course every quarter which is delivered by experts in the field. This course has run for at least the last three years and is the most attended course of all the Trust's training opportunities. Empower U has their own staff training plan and staff there are trained to a higher level in the area of CCE.</p> <p>The mandatory safeguarding training for all BCC employees includes child criminal exploitation.</p>
R07	Early Intervention and Resilience	Council asks the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families to provide a report to the Education, Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the impact of the Council's work with schools to address exploitation as part of their safeguarding policies. This should include academies and primary schools.	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families	October 2024	6: In Progress	<p>The Birmingham Model Safeguarding Policy for schools is reviewed annually and shared with all schools and settings in the city. This includes information on all forms of exploitation and the responsibilities of schools and settings. Whilst this is offered to all schools in the city, some may choose to use their own policy, particularly where the school is part of a national multi-academy trust. The policy is available at https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/29548/safeguarding_model_policy</p> <p>The redesign of the Thriving Children and Families Division has a dedicated resource that provides support to schools and BCT in EmpowerU, the exploitation hub, consolidating temporary arrangements that have been in place. Training on exploitation is available to schools from a wide range of agencies including BCC Prevent, Education Safeguarding, BCT and BSCP. The Safeguarding Leaders Assembly taking place in November 2024 is focussed on child exploitation. Specialist support for schools is put in place following a critical incident in the city, including the delivery through Minus Violence (Home Office accredited provider).</p> <p>Further information can be provided to the Committee in the form of a report if this would be useful.</p>
R08	Early Intervention and Resilience	Council asks the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families to provide a timeline for the development and publication of an Exclusions strategy, engage with the Education, Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny in its development, and commit to providing regular reports on outcomes from the new strategy once in place.	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families	April 2025	6: In Progress	<p>A new Exclusions Strategy is in development and will take a preventative approach that reinforces an Early Help response. The strategy will demonstrate the interdependencies between safeguarding, improving attendance, access to early help and support and how schools can work preventatively. There are examples of successful practice across the city, with sharing panels and managed moves enabling children to remain in education provision, in addition to the other statutory duties for the provision of education. Birmingham also benefits from having the DfE SAFE Taskforce that is working preventatively with the highest excluding schools in the city and this is due to report on impact in March 2025. SAFE works in partnership with the Violence Reduction Partnership where there is a training offer to schools in preventing exclusions and understanding forms of exploitation. There are 255 UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools in Birmingham, where the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child is embedded and celebrated. Articles 33-36 of the Convention focus on forms of exploitation. In order to progress through the Award, schools are assessed by UNICEF on how well they have embedded the UNCRC. The Birmingham Relationships Education Toolkit for primary schools is a spiral curriculum resource that builds on children's understanding of good relationships, safety and wellbeing. Whilst there are various ways of evidencing the impact of this work, for schools the single arbiter of quality is Ofsted where safeguarding, including exploitation is scrutinised during inspection.</p> <p>The Exclusions Strategy is on the work programme for the Education, Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee in February 2025.</p>
R09	Early Intervention and Resilience	Council asks the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families to report to the Education, Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee on how the Council is monitoring the risk of exploitation with children and young people who receive Elective Home Education.	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families	October 2024	6: In Progress	<p>We know from Local Safeguarding Practice Reviews that children who experience significant harm have often been out of sight of services for periods of time. As a priority for BSCP, a Children Out of Sight group is now well established and is bringing together new ways of working across the Partnership through integrated triage and responses. This response has been modelled across the C&F Directorate with services coming together in a more integrated way. There is an improvement plan for Elective Home Education in place that is scrutinised by BSCP annually, due to return to the Partnership in January 2025.</p> <p>This will be included in the item due to be considered at the Feb 2025 meeting of the Education, Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny committee on school exclusions, elective home education and part-time timetables.</p>

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R10	Supporting Young People to Exit Exploitation	Council asks the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families to consider how intelligence and information can be better shared with community partners and public sector organisations.	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families	October 2024	1: Achieved (Fully)	The West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership's Strategic Needs Assessment is available through the Birmingham City Observatory as part of the Community Safety dashboard. A meeting of the Safeguarding Leaders' Assembly on 7th November 2024 reviewed the Birmingham and WM SNA and discussed next steps.
R11	Enforcement	Council asks the Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities to lobby for a national and/or regional campaign to highlight enforcement action against Organised Crime Groups (OCGs) which are exploiting young people.	Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities	October 2024	6: In Progress	A letter was sent to the Secretary of State in July, congratulating her on her appointment and setting out some of the challenges faced in Birmingham and requesting an opportunity to meet to discuss these issues, where the request for a campaign could be made. A positive response was received on 1/8/24 and a date to meet is being sought.
R12	Governance and Strategy	Council asks the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families and the Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities to report back on the progress, and outcomes achieved of the strategy and delivery plan: Tackling Exploitation of Children and Young People 2023-26	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities	October 2024	1: Achieved (Fully)	Contextual Safeguarding Board is the governance for this strategy. The report for the December meeting of the Education, Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee includes an appendix to evidence the progress made against the delivery plan
R13	Governance and Strategy	Council asks the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families and the Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities to clarify the governance and accountability arrangements for this strategy.	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities	October 2024	1: Achieved (Fully)	The report for the December meeting of the Education, Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee includes an appendix detailing the governance arrangements .
R14	Governance and Strategy	Council asks the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families and the Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities to lobby Government (and future Government) for a Minister for Young People to enable joined up and holistic policy making in relation to young people.	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities	October 2024	3: Not Achieved (progress made)	A letter was sent to the Secretary of State in July, congratulating her on her appointment and setting out some of the challenges faced in Birmingham and requesting an opportunity to meet to discuss issues pertaining to young people in the city. A positive response was received on 1/8/24 and a date to meet is being sought. In addition, Stephanie Peacock MP was appointed as Minister for Sport, Media, Civil Society and Youth in July. A meeting is being sought with Ms Peacock.
R15	Tracking	Council agrees that the Executive Member reports on progress towards achievement of these recommendations no later than October 2024. Subsequent progress reports will be scheduled by the Committee thereafter, until all recommendations are implemented.	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities	October 2024	6: In Progress	First progress update was due to be taken to Education, Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee in October 2024 and is now due to be considered at the December meeting. At this meeting, it is suggested that the Committee provides a view on subsequent reporting, including building on the initial recommendations made by the inquiry,