

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills)	Date of Meeting:	18 September 2018
Subject:	Update on Recommendations as outlined in the Peer Review Working Group Final Report March 2017.		
Report of:	Ian Willman, Service Manager – Locality South	Wards Affected:	All
Cabinet Portfolio:	Communities and Housing		
Is this a Key Decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to update Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on progress to achieving the recommendations outlined in the Peer Review Working Group report of March 2017.

Recommendation(s):

(1) That Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the progress made in achieving the recommendations contained within the report of March 2017.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

Members of Overview and Scrutiny Committee requested an update regarding the implementation and recommendations of the report of March 2017.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: Not Applicable.

That will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs – There are no financial implications arising for the Council as a direct result of this report.

(B) Capital Costs – There are no financial implications arising for the Council as a direct result of this report.

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets): None.
Legal Implications: None.
Equality Implications: There are no equality implications.

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: The findings and recommendations of the Peer Review Working Group have assisted in protecting not only the most vulnerable but all who live, work and visit Sefton and the surrounding Liverpool City Region area.
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: Sefton Council promotes a Multi-Agency approach to engaging with its communities in order that individuals are confident in how to report instances of concern and to ensure that our vibrant communities continue to thrive.
Commission, broker and provide core services: Not applicable.
Place – leadership and influencer: The recommendations contained within the report promotes the 2030 Vision in ensuring that, as far as possible, Sefton Council with its Partners provides and environment that is a safe place to live, work and visit.
Drivers of change and reform: The partnership approach to tackling serious and organised crime in Sefton is regarded as a positive approach and the recommendations have improved the way in which the partnership approaches and tackles this issue.
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: Not applicable.
Greater income for social investment: Not applicable.
Cleaner Greener: Not applicable.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Head of Corporate Resources (FD 5244/18) and Head of Regulation and Compliance (LD 4468/18) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

Not applicable.

Implementation Date for the Decision:

Immediately following the Overview and Scrutiny Regeneration and Skills meeting.

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Appendices:

The following appendices are attached to this report:

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (REGENERATION & SKILLS), PEER REVIEW WORKING GROUP FINAL REPORT, MARCH 2017.

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Introduction/Background

1.1 At its meeting held on 4 July 2017 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills) reviewed the final report of the Peer Review working group and made recommendations to improve service delivery.

The table below shows the progress made against each recommendation.

Recommendation	Response
That tribute be extended to all those Partnership Members who play a vital role in ensuring that Sefton is a safe community to live, work and visit	The final report was circulated to all partners and the outcomes and recommendations were discussed and an implementation plan was developed.
That the MARSOC be requested to investigate the merits and feasibility of a secure and sophisticated Information Sharing System/Programme to be shared/used by key Officers in the Partnership	Due to the complexities of Information and Communications Technology across the Partnership this proved difficult to achieve, however, through a reviewed and robust information sharing agreement requests for information are shared swiftly and securely in line with General Data Protection Regulations. Regular

	Partnership meetings continue with all contributing partners.
That the MARSOC be requested to approach Further Education establishments to investigate the feasibility of developing a course specifically aimed at targeting a cohort of young offenders.	Since the report was finalised several young people associated with Targeted Youth Support and Youth Offending Services have completed a Digital Advantage course. The young people involved reported improved confidence and improved skills. The partnership is continuing to source alternatives and is working with Merseyside Police regarding Operation Hagrid. This is an alternative course over 45 weeks (one day a week) in construction to improve confidence, skills and to be ready for work.
That the MARSOC be requested to develop a pathway leading to the signposting of services for those individuals with a desire to change their behaviour and depart from being involved with SOC (Using Partnership funds were available to invest in programmes for young people who are vulnerable or at risk to becoming adopted into SOC. For example, business training, Modern Technology Training or Mentoring)	<p>The Partnership has invested in some alternatives as mentioned above, however, it recognises there is a need to develop an approach in line with regional and national best practice. Discussions are on-going regarding how this can be delivered in Sefton.</p> <p>The Partnership has developed an innovative and proactive approach to Criminal Exploitation. This has resulted in a regional child exploitation pathway and referral mechanism being developed and implemented.</p> <p>The Partnership has continued to invest in early intervention and prevention programmes such as the Get Away and Get Safe (GANGS) project and Child Criminal Exploitation Advocates. Several awareness campaigns have been undertaken and various presentations to professionals across the borough and beyond.</p> <p>The Partnership have invested in several proactive projects with Merseyside Police.</p>
That the MARSOC be requested to speak with schools across Sefton about how the data they hold on every child can be shared between schools when the child is departing from one to another in order that schools can be alerted to	There is a mechanism in place via the Education Welfare offer which ensures all relevant information is shared between schools and the necessary community contacts in line with General Data Protection Regulations.

<p>SOC or vulnerability in the community</p>	<p>There are representatives from the Education sector who are members of the Partnership and are members of related sub-groups.</p>
<p>That the Youth Prevention Team and Youth Offenders Team receive, where possible support and/or funding to improve, introduce and promote the 'Neglect Strategy' which will further support the prevention of young adults accessing SOC while also helping young people prepare to become young adults</p>	<p>As part of the Councils early intervention and prevention approach a pilot Adverse Child Experiences (ACE's) project has been implemented. As part of a workforce development strategy 4 practitioners have been trained in the ACE's recovery tool kit to move forward with the initial pilot for Sefton. The Toolkit provides an evidenced based assessment of the impact of childhood trauma. These can include emotional abuse, sexual abuse, criminal exploitation, physical abuse and emotional neglect.</p>
<p>That the Council submit this report with feedback from success stories to the Government department and Minister to request increased funding from central Government for this borough so that there is not a decrease in some of the highest quality serious and organised crime prevention work in the UK</p>	<p>We have contributed to several calls for evidence from Central Government via the Partnership. We have outlined the positive peer review undertaken in Sefton and the outcomes of the Overview and Scrutiny review. We have championed our proactive and effective partnership approach to tackling serious and organised crime in Sefton. This has resulted in the Partnership being approached by other areas and local authorities to examine our approaches and to learn from us.</p>

2.0 Recommendation

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