Subject: Response to *Confronting Child Sexual Exploitation in London*

Report to: Police and Crime Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat | Date: 21 July 2015

This report will be considered in public

1. **Summary**

1.1 This report sets out for noting the responses from the Mayor’s Office for Policing an Crime (MOPAC) and the London Safeguarding Children Board to the Committee’s report, *Confronting Child Sexual Exploitation in London.*

2. **Recommendation**

2.1 That the Committee notes the response from MOPAC and the London Safeguarding Children Board, to the Committee’s report, *Confronting Child Sexual Exploitation in London.*

3. **Background**


3.2 Following on from the Committee’s investigation, [*Keeping London’s children safe*](http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/london-assembly/publications/confronting-child-sexual-exploitation-in-london), the Committee agreed to use its meeting on 4 December 2014 to further examine London’s approach to safeguarding children. It considered the Metropolitan Police Service’s and MOPAC’s response to the recommendations made in the report, and looked at the lessons that could be learned from failures in tackling child sexual abuse in Rotherham.

3.3 Following the meeting on 4 December 2014, the Committee’s report *Confronting Child Sexual Exploitation in London* was published on 25 March 2015. The report can be accessed on the GLA’s website [here](http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/london-assembly/publications/confronting-child-sexual-exploitation-in-london).

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The report made the following recommendations:

**Recommendation 1**
We recommend that all London LSCBs review their CSE strategies and procedures in response to the findings of the Jay Report.

**Recommendation 2**
All London LSCBs must have a robust mechanism in place to ensure effective monitoring, oversight and regular review of CSE strategies and procedures.

**Recommendation 3**
London’s LSCBs and Directors of Children’s Services must ensure well-defined links with other safeguarding strategies and robust reporting structures between the LSCB and the Community Safety Partnership and Children’s Board.

**Recommendation 4**
We recommend London’s LSCBs evaluate the impact of training and identify further training needs on a regular basis.

**Recommendation 5**
Every LSCB in London should have a forum in place to engage with children and young people affected by CSE, including those that have in the past gone missing and looked after children, to increase understanding, provide appropriate care and support to young victims and those at risk of CSE, and encourage confidence in reporting.

**Recommendation 6**
The Met and MOPAC must work with the London Safeguarding Children Board to establish an agreed and consistent dataset across London.

**Recommendation 7**
London’s LSCBs should take a lead in rolling out programmes across London schools that inform and tackle the issue of CSE.

4. **Issues for Consideration**

4.1 The responses from MOPAC and the London Safeguarding Children Board are attached at Appendices 1 and 2 for the Committee to note.

5. **Legal Implications**

5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in this report.
6. **Financial Implications**

6.1 There are no financial implications to the GLA arising from this report.

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**List of appendices to this report:**

Appendix 1: Response from MOPAC

Appendix 2: Response from the London Safeguarding Children Board

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**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

List of Background Papers: There are none.

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