

REVIEWS IN 2010: Child Trafficking WITNESS SESSION 1

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REASON FOR ITEM

To hear from witnesses, as part of the Committee's 2010 review of Child Trafficking.

AIM OF REVIEW

To review the statutory safeguarding duties of the Council and other agencies with regard to young people who arrive unaccompanied and to review current practice.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE

1. To question the witnesses about how Child Trafficking is tackled in the London Borough of Hillingdon.

INFORMATION

1. The Committee is responsible for undertaking the 'policy overview' role in relation to Education and Children's Services. This role is outlined at the start of the agenda.
2. Previous experience from both Hillingdon and other Councils indicates that the Committee can have the greatest impact by focusing on a particular topic at one or several meetings.
3. Following discussion at the Committee's meeting on 23 October 2009, Members decided to review the statutory safeguarding duties of the Council and other agencies with regard to young people who arrive unaccompanied and to review current practice. The scoping report for the review was agreed by Committee in July and is attached to this agenda item.
4. This is the second witness session for the review. The following will be attending to give evidence to the Committee:
Amanda Read – Border Force, Heathrow Operations
Detective Inspector Gordon Valentine – Metropolitan Police

SUGGESTED SCRUTINY ACTIVITY

- Question the witnesses.
- Start to identify possible conclusions and recommendations from the evidence given.
- Identify issues that the Committee should investigate further as part of the review.