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**Draft Cabinet response to recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee**

The document sets out the draft response of the Cabinet Member to recommendations made by the Scrutiny Committee on 4 June 2019 concerning the 2018/19 Annual Safeguarding Report. The Cabinet is asked to amend and agree a formal response as appropriate.

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<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Agree?</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<p>Recommendation 1: That the Council revisits the safeguarding recommendation made by the Scrutiny Committee on 5 June 2018 concerning the number of school aged children that receive face to face safeguarding awareness training, and provides the Committee with further information on progress against the agreed action.</p>	<p>Partial</p>	<p>In considering Safeguarding issues, it is important to note the County Council Local Authority Designated Officer team (LADO) has responsibility for delivering safeguarding support into the Education system. Oxford City Council has a seat on the Oxford Safeguarding Children’s Board (OSCB) board and also a seat on the sub group of the Board, overseeing Performance and quality assurance. This group has a rolling audit programme to oversee and scrutinise the safeguarding work being delivered across the sector and report back into OSCB. This includes all Oxfordshire schools both primary and secondary schools.</p> <p>Oxford City Council has limited funds for direct school engagement from the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner. We have a programme where we are working with young people at risk of exclusion and/or reduced timetables as they have been identified as the most vulnerable to exploitation.</p> <p>We are currently working in The Oxford Academy, St Greg’s and Oxford Spires.</p> <p>City Council Youth Ambition team also provide additional support to children within the school setting as part of ‘our commitment to schools’ offer. The topic areas that are covered with pupils include safeguarding awareness.</p>

<p>Recommendation 2: That the Council revisits the recommendations, and agreed actions resulting from the 2015/16 Guest House Scrutiny Review Group to clarify that actions are being pursued, and ensures that matters relating to guest houses are a feature of future safeguarding reports to Cabinet.</p>	<p>Partial</p>	<p>Hotel Watch, involving the Police, Council officers and sector representatives works with hotels and guest houses in the city to improve safeguarding practices. The Cabinet Lead Member will receive an update report on progress since 2015.</p>
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