

AMENDMENT

Opposition Motion 4

The Protection and Safeguarding of Children

Amendment to be MOVED by Councillor Bishop

Amendment to be SECONDED by Councillor Kenyon

The Liberal Democrat amendments/additions to this Motion are detailed in bold.

The protection and safeguarding of our children should be a priority for all of us. Reviews on historical CSE have been in front of us before. Regular requests for independent Inquiries continue to be refused.

Whilst we continue to seek justice for survivors of historical CSE we cannot ignore the fact that it is still happening now, that grooming is still happening and that grooming gangs are active.

The Leader of the Council has previously stated that CSE has and in all probability will continue to occur in the Borough.

Council notes that:

Information and knowledge are the most powerful tools that we have. We need to educate our children of the signs of grooming and showing them who or where to go with any concerns. We need to give them the feeling that they can report anything in complete confidence. Being pro-active and highlighting this issue could prevent more children from becoming victims/survivors.

This issue is above any party-political leanings. Together we need to eradicate this corruption which lies within our society.

Council resolves to:

- Commit to facilitating relevant sessions across the Borough
- Bring together all departments within the Council and work with other external bodies to deliver specific sessions on CSE and grooming.
- Work with partners to formulate and develop a straight-forward and clear package which will be delivered to all Year 7 students in the Borough every year as a matter of course.
- Work towards rolling sessions out to Year 6 students
- **Minute the meetings of the cross-party steering group and make them available to all members and to the general public via the council website. Additionally provide a quarterly report detailing any actions and progress made.”**