

## **Failsworth Independent Party Motion November 2023**

### **Councillor Lucia Rea to MOVE, Councillor Neil Hindle to SECOND**

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#### **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.

#### **Amendment – Proposed by Cllr S Mushtaq, Seconded by Cllr M Ali**

Delete: “Reviews on historical CSE have been in front of us before. Regular requests for independent Inquiries continue to be refused.”

Insert: “After the Independent assurance review into safeguarding practices in Oldham led by Malcolm Newsam CBE and Gary Ridgeway, the council committed to ensuring that it would do whatever is necessary to keep children and young people safe in the borough.”

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Insert: "The Leader of the Council acknowledged the reality that the abhorrent and disgusting crime of child sexual exploitation continued to occur in borough, and that all political parties should work together to ensure that potential victims can seek and receive support and justice."

Delete: "grooming and showing"

Insert "grooming and show"

### **Amended Motion to read**

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### **Council resolves to;**

- Continue to facilitate relevant sessions across the Borough
- Continue to bring together all departments within the Council and work with other external bodies to deliver specific sessions on CSE and grooming.
- Continue to create age-appropriate materials and sessions that are made available to all schools in Oldham, both Primary and Secondary.