London Borough of Bromley

PART 1 - PUBLIC

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BROMLEY IRO SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14

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1. <u>Summary</u>

- 1.1 The Children and Young Persons Act 2008 created a new power for the Secretary of State to issue statutory guidance to IROs known as the 'IRO Handbook'. the IRO Manager should be responsible for the production of an annual report for the scrutiny of the members of the local authority corporate parenting board.
- 1.2 This report presents to the Care Services Policy development and Scrutiny Committee details of activity and development of the IRO Service over the past year. It further summarises how the IRO Service monitors the performance of the local authority in relation to its looked after children.
- 1.3 A short presentation will be made at the meeting outlining the key areas of focus for 2013/14, key themes and will highlight particular areas that the CS PDS committee may wish to scrutinise further as part of its work programme.