

**Decision Maker:** PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR CARE SERVICES

**Date:** For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Care Services Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday 28 June 2016

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

**Title:** FOSTERING ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

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**Chief Officer:** Director: Children's Services (ECHS)

**Ward:** All Wards

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1. Reason for report

- 1.1 The Fostering National Minimum Standards 2011 requires the Fostering Agency to produce a report on fostering activity to the Agency Executive and an updated Statement of Purpose on an annual basis.
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2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Care Services Policy, Development and Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- i) Consider the content and comment upon the annual report of the Fostering Agency;
- ii) Recommend that the annual report be endorsed by the Portfolio Holder for Care Services

2.2 The Portfolio Holder for Care Services is asked to endorse the annual report

### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
  2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost
  2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
  3. Budget head/performance centre: 833120
  4. Total current budget for this head: £5,979,870
  5. Source of funding: Revenue Support Grant
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### Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 22
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement
  2. Call-in: Applicable
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): N/A
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

### 3. COMMENTARY

3.1 Standard 25.7 of the National Minimum Standards 2011, requires the Fostering Agency to produce a report on fostering activity to the Agency Executive, to:

- Receive written reports on the management, outcomes and financial state of the agency;
- Monitor the management and outcomes of the service in order to satisfy themselves that the agency is effective and is achieving good outcomes for children;
- Satisfy itself that the agency is complying with the conditions of registration.

3.2 The annual activity report of the Fostering Agency is attached as Appendix 1.

### 4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The production of an annual report and updated statement of purpose is a statutory requirement in the Fostering Services (England) Regulations 2011

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Policy, Financial and Personnel Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	