

Decision Maker: PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR CARE SERVICES

Date: For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Education, Children and Families
Budget and Performance Monitoring Sub-Committee on Tuesday 26th
September 2017

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: FOSTERING ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

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Ward: All Wards

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 Education, Children and Families Sub-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 Education, Children and Families 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): 18
 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

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