
Decision Maker: CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES PDS COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 25 January 2022

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

Title: PRIVATE FOSTERING ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

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Chief Officer: Director of Children, Education and Families

Ward: All Wards

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 This annual report provides a self-evaluation of London Borough of Bromley's (LBB) practice against The Children Private Fostering Arrangements for Fostering Regulations 2005. The report also gives details of the circumstances of children identified as Privately Fostered.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 That PDS Committee

- (i) Consider the content and comment upon the annual report of the Private Fostering Agency;
- (ii) Recommend that the annual report be endorsed by the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and families .

2.2 The Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Families is asked to endorse the annual report.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: There were 17 notifications in the year 2020-2021. There had been a further eight arrangements which LBB had received notifications about in the previous year. The total number of private fostering arrangements during the year 2020-2021 were 25
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Corporate Policy

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

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
 3. Budget head/performance centre: 833120
 4. Total current budget for this head: £4,947,160 Private fostering is within the fostering budget
 5. Source of funding: Revenue Support Grant
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 3
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable:
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: N/A
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected):25
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable

3. COMMENTARY

The attached annual Private Fostering Report meets the Council's statutory duty to report under the Children Private Fostering Arrangements for Fostering Regulations 2005.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Impact on Vulnerable Adults And Children, Policy Implications, Financial Implications, Personnel Implications, Legal Implications, Procurement Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	None