

## **Independent Reviewing Service - Annual Report 2016-17**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The IRO Handbook 2010 provides the statutory guidance for Independent Reviewing Officers and Local Authorities on their statutory functions in relation to case management and review of looked after children. As part of this statutory guidance there is a requirement for the manager of the IRO Service to produce an annual report for the scrutiny of the members of the Corporate Parenting Committee.
- 1.2 The IRO service completed 1,034 statutory reviews in 2016/17
- 1.3 90.1% of statutory reviews held have been within required timescales. This is just over of our target of 90%
- 1.4 The IRO service has continued to work very hard to ensure children and young people participate in their review. In 2016/17, 90% of all reviews had children and young people participating in them.
- 1.5 The IRO service has received positive feedback from the recent Ofsted inspection about its effectiveness and relationship between the IRO's and young people.
- 1.6 Feedback forms of the review process from children and parents have also been overwhelmingly positive.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To consider content of report and make appropriate recommendations

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 As part of IRO Handbook 2010 statutory guidance there is a requirement for the manager of the IRO Service to produce an annual report for the scrutiny of the members of the Corporate Parenting Committee.
- 3.2 It is essential that the Corporate Parenting Committee are aware of the performance

of the IRO service, issues that may be impacting on this and children in care population that the IRO service is providing a service to.

<b>SUPPORTING INFORMATION</b>
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<b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>
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5.1 None

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

<b>Legal officer</b> <b>Financial officer</b> <b>Human Resources officer</b> <b>Estates/Property officer</b> <b>Service Director(s)</b> <b>Other(s)</b>	Andy Smith Strategic Director of People Services
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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial and Value for Money**

1.1 None

**Legal**

2.1 Statutory obligations for the IRO service and Independent Reviewing Officers will be contained within the report

**Personnel**

3.1 None

**IT**

4.1 None

**Equalities Impact**

5.1 None

**Health and Safety**

6.1 None

**Environmental Sustainability**

7.1 None

**Property and Asset Management**

8.1 None

**Risk Management**

9.1 None

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

10.1 The content of this report underpins the priority commitment, Protecting vulnerable

children, young people, adults and older people. Making sure that we take action to safeguard vulnerable adults and children that require higher levels of support including; our looked after children and vulnerable adults with learning disabilities. This will involve early intervention and prevention wherever possible.