



Open Report on behalf of Heather Sandy, Executive Director - Children's Services

Report to:	Corporate Parenting Panel
Date:	10 November 2022
Subject:	Private Fostering Annual Report and Statement of Purpose

Summary:

The purpose of the report is to inform Corporate Parenting Panel about the work of the broader Children's and Fostering Service in relation to Private Fostering.

The requirements under The Children (Private Arrangements for Fostering) Regulations 2005 to Private Fostering are made under the Children Act 1989. The Private Fostering National Minimum Standards are issued under Section 7 of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 where Local Authorities are expected to comply with such requirements.

The Annual Report as Appendix A and Statement of Purpose as Appendix B set out the relevant performance information and set out how the Council have discharged their responsibilities in the last year.

Actions Required:

The Corporate Parenting Panel is invited to review the reports relating to Private Fostering including the Annual Report and Statement of Purpose, to comment on their contents and to endorse these as an accurate overview of the Council's function in their discharge of responsibilities in terms of Private Fostering.

1. Background

To present an overview of the Private Fostering Annual Report and Statement of Purpose for members of Corporate Parenting Panel.

2. Conclusion

The continued progress of the service is detailed within the reports and is shared as an accurate reflection of how the Council have discharged their responsibilities.

3. Consultation

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

N/A

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Private Fostering Annual Report 2021-2022
Appendix B	Statement of Purpose 2021-2022.

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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