

**Open Report on behalf of Peter Duxbury, Executive Director of Children's Services**

Report to:	<b>Cllr Mrs P A Bradwell, Executive Councillor</b>
Date:	<b>3 October 2011</b>
Subject:	<b>Looked After Children Annual Report</b>
Decision Reference:	<b>01924</b>
Key decision?	<b>Yes</b>

**Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to inform Members about the work of the Looked After Children Service, this is not a regulatory requirement but a good practice initiative.

In their role as Corporate Parents, members should be informed on a regular basis about the activity of the Looked After Children Service.

The report sets out the relevant performance information and identifies the key developments within the service over the last twelve months.

**Recommendation(s):**

The Executive Councillor is recommended to approve the Annual Report.

**Alternatives Considered:**

1. Not to approve the Annual Report.
2. To accept the Annual Report subject to amendments.

**Reasons for Recommendation:**

Approval of the report will provide information to elected members, staff, children and young people, families and colleagues on the work and performance of the service.

**1. Background**

This is the third annual report prepared in order to present the performance of the service over the previous year 2010-2011 to the Executive Committee, Portfolio Holder and Elected Members.

## 2. Conclusion

The Report attached at Appendix A contains a range of information about the Looked After Children Service in relation to performance indicators and measuring good outcomes; and various regulations relating to the Looked After Children service.

The report, when approved, will be placed on the Lincolnshire County Council Looked After Children website.

### 3. Legal Comments:

There is no legal requirement to approve the report.

### 4. Resource Comments:

There are no significant financial implications arising from this report.

## 5. Consultation

### a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?

n/a

### b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?

Cllr Bradwell

### c) Scrutiny Comments

This matter has not been referred to Scrutiny.

### d) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

## 6. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Looked After Children Service Annual Report

## 7. 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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