

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I068241
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1. **TITLE:** Fostering Service Statement of Purpose 2017-2018 and Fostering Service Annual Report 2016-17

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Children, Young People and Learning

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To approve the Fostering Service Statement of Purpose 2017-2018 and Annual Report 2016–2017.

4 **IS KEY DECISION** Yes.

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive Member for Children, Young People & Learning

6. **DECISION:**

That the Statement of Purpose for the Fostering Service 2017-18 and the Fostering Service Annual Report 2016–17 be approved.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The National Minimum Standards for Fostering Services, published by the Secretary of State for Health under section 23(1) of the Care Standards Act 2000 place a requirement on Fostering Services to produce a Statement of Purpose, with a clear statement on the aims and objectives of the service and what facilities they provide. The minimum standards state that “The registered provider [in the case of the local authority, the elected members] formally approves the Statement of Purpose of the Fostering Service, and reviews, updates and modifies it where necessary, at least annually” [Standard 1(1.3)].

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

None, the completion of the Statement of Purpose is a legal requirement under the Care Standards Act 2000, 23 [1], National Minimum Standards for Fostering Services Regulations, Standard 1. As this is a legal requirement no alternative options have been considered.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Family Placement Team
Children's Social Care Management Team
CYPL Departmental Management Team

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Children, Young People & Learning.

11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None.

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
13 July 2017	20 July 2017