

TO: EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING
DATE 18 JULY 2017

**LOCAL AUTHORITY DESIGNATED OFFICER (LADO) ANNUAL REPORT:
APRIL 2016 – MARCH 2017
Director, Children, Young People and Learning**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the annual report of the Local Authority Designated Officer to the Executive Member for Children, Young People and Learning.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **For the Executive Member for Children, Young People and Learning to receive the annual report of the LADO and to note the key messages and recommendations made.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure ongoing accountability of the department towards the development of continually improved outcomes overall for children and young people in care and those leaving care in accordance with statutory expectations.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None considered as production of such report is in line with statutory guidance.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 All organisations that provide services for children, or provide staff or volunteers to work with or care for children, should operate a procedure for handling allegations that is consistent with Berkshire's Local Safeguarding Children's Boards Child Protection Procedures (Chapter 31). In Bracknell Forest there also have a referral to the LADO policy for employees.
- 5.2 The Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) is responsible for having oversight of all allegations where a person who works with children has, in any connection with his/her employment or voluntary activity:
- Behaved in a way that has or may have harmed a child
 - Possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child
 - Behaved towards a child in a way which indicates or related s/he is unsuitable to work with children
- 5.3 Statutory guidance in accordance with Section 11 Children Act 2004 requires organisations that employ staff, contractors or volunteers who work with children to have a procedure in place for handling allegations against staff. An annual report should be provided to the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) to support the

identification of good practice and highlighting areas for further development/improvement across the multi-agency partnership.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

6.1 The relevant legal issues are addressed within the report.

Borough Treasurer

6.2 The Borough Treasurer is satisfied that no significant financial implications arise from presenting the 2016-17 annual report

Equalities Impact Assessment

6.3 No change of policy proposed – further EIA is not required at this stage.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

6.4 No issues arise from this report.

Other Officers

6.5 Not applicable

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

7.1 None

Method of Consultation

7.2 Not applicable

Representations Received

7.3 Not applicable

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