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**TO: THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING**  
**Date: 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

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**APPROVAL OF THE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE FOR THE LARCHWOOD SHORT  
BREAK UNIT 2017 AND FOR NOTING LARCHWOOD SHORT BREAK UNIT ANNUAL  
REPORT 2016 - 2017**

**Director of Children, Young People and Learning**

**1 PURPOSE OF DECISION**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the revised Statement of Purpose for the Larchwood Short Break Unit for 2018 – 2019 and to provide updating information of the Larchwood Short Break Unit by way of Annual Report 2017 – 2018.

**2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 **That the revised Statement of Purpose 2018 for the Larchwood Short Break Unit [annex 1] is APPROVED and the Larchwood Short Break Unit Annual Report 2017 – 2018 [annex 2 ] is noted.**

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 This document fulfils the requirements of the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 Schedule 1, the Department for Education Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations including the quality standards April 2015 and the Social Care Common Inspection Framework April 2017. These regulations place a requirement on Registered Children's Homes to produce a Statement of Purpose under schedule 1, regulation 16. The statement of purpose should be child-focused, indicating how the home provides individualised care to meet the Quality Standards for the children in their care
- 3.2 There is also a Childrens Guide that includes a summary of the Statement of Purpose for Children and Young people, that is currently being updated.

**4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 The completion of a Statement of Purpose is a legal requirement within the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015, which includes a requirement for the Statement of Purpose to be approved at least annually. As this is a legal requirement alternative options have not been considered.

**5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 5.1 The Statement of Purpose is essentially a live operational document, which needs to be updated as and when details within the service change, regulations change or practice moves on.

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- 5.2 The current Statement of Purpose also incorporates all the learning from previous Ofsted inspections. The Statement of Purpose is a key document which is considered in all inspections. The service is currently rated as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, a grading that has been maintained since 2014.
- 5.3 Whilst there have been updates there are no significant changes from last year.

## 6 **ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS**

### Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 This report complies with the requirement under the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 to produce at least annually a statement of purpose setting out the operational arrangements at Larchwood

### Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 The Borough Treasurer is satisfied that there are sufficient resources to meet the requirements of the Statement of Purpose.

### Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.3 As is described in the Statement of Purpose within Larchwood aims to achieve the best possible outcome for any child receiving services, taking into account all factors of ethnicity, religion, language, culture and disability.

### Other Officers

- 6.4 The Children's Social Care Management Team (CSCMT) has considered and endorsed this Statement of Purpose in May 2018.

## 7 **CONSULTATION**

### Method of Consultation

- 7.1 The statement is publicly available at the Unit for perusal and comment and is placed on the Council's public website. Service users and other interested parties are encouraged to make comments regarding both the statement and the service provided at the unit. Children were consulted for the production of the Children's version (Children's Guide)

### Representations Received

- 7.2 There have been no representations received.

### Background Papers

Statement of Purpose for the Larchwood Short Break Unit 2018 **[annex 1]**  
Larchwood Short Break Unit Annual Report 2017 – 2018 **[annex 2]**

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