

TO: EXECUTIVE MEMBER CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & LEARNING
DATE: 17 AUGUST 2018

LOCAL AUTHORITY DESIGNATED OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT:
APRIL 2017 - MARCH 2018
Director, Children, Young People & Learning

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present the annual report of the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) to the Executive Member of Children, Young People & Learning and Local Safeguarding Children's Board in line with statutory expectations and good practice.

2 RECOMMENDATION

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

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

To ensure ongoing accountability of the LADO in line with statutory duties, and to promote the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people by ensuring that professionals who work with them are safe and competent to do so.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

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

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

5.1 The LADO provides advice and guidance to employers and other individuals or organisations that have concerns relating to an adult who works with children and young people. This is inclusive of volunteers and agency staff, foster carers, religious leaders, school governors etc. The annual report supports the continuing development and review of the service.

5.2 This report provides information, overview and analysis regarding the LADO role and responsibilities within Children's Social Care in Bracknell Forest, in line with Working Together 2015, Section 11 of The Children Act 2004 and Section 175 of the Education Act 2002.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

6.1 Borough Solicitor

The relevant legal requirements in respect of this function are addressed within the report.

6.2 Borough Treasurer

The Borough Treasurer is satisfied that no significant financial implications arise from presenting the 2017-18 annual report.

6.3 Equalities Impact Assessment

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

6.4 Strategic Risk Management Issues

No issues arise from this report.

6.5 Other Officers

Not applicable

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 Principal Groups Consulted

None

7.2 Method of Consultation

Not applicable

7.3 Representations Received

Not applicable

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Working Together 2015
Pan-Berkshire Child Protection Procedures (2015)

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