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TO: THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING
12 June 2012

APPROVAL OF THE FOSTER CARE SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2011-12
Director of Children, Young People & Learning

1 PURPOSE OF DECISION

- 1.1 Bracknell Forest Council is responsible for providing a comprehensive foster care service, operating within the requirements of the relevant legislation and regulations. The purpose of the decision is to approve Bracknell Forest Council's Foster Care Service Annual report.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That the Foster Care Service Annual report 2011-12 [annex 1] is APPROVED.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Foster Care Service annual report sets out the details of the progress and future aims of the fostering service. The provision of good quality local foster care for vulnerable children is a priority for the Council.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 This is a legal requirement no alternative options have been considered.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The Annual report will be presented to the Corporate Parenting Advisory Panel.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 The relevant legal provisions are contained within the main body of the report and the attachments.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 As this relates to operational reports from 2011-12, the Borough Treasurer is satisfied that no significant financial implications arise.

Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.2 The service aims to achieve the best possible outcome for any child receiving services taking into account all factors of ethnicity, religion, language, culture and

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disability. The adoption service enables children and young people, who were previously in care, to be adopted into families where all their needs will be met during childhood, adolescence and beyond, resulting in positive outcomes for the children and young people.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 If the aims of the Council are not met there is a risk of reputational risk and of increased expenditure to meet the needs of a vulnerable group.

Other Officers

- 6.5 The Children's Social Care Management Team has considered this report.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

- 7.1 The relevant staff from the Family Placement service have contributed to the Annual report.

Representations Received

- 7.2 There have been no representations received.

Background Papers

Foster Care Service Annual report 2011-12 **[annex 1]**

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