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

**APPROVAL OF THE ADOPTION 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 adoption service, operating within the requirements of the relevant legislation and regulations. The purpose of the decision is to approve Bracknell Forest Council's Adoption Service Annual report.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That the Bracknell Forest Adoption Service Annual report 2011-12 [annex 1] and the Annual Adoption Panel report [annex 2] be approved.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To comply with the Care Standards Act 2000 and the National Minimum Standards for Local Authority Adoption Services 2003 the department has a statutory responsibility to report on the work of the adoption service to the Executive Member on a six monthly basis.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

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

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 A six month review of the progress of adoption services will be completed in October 2012. The annual report and six month review will be presented to the Corporate Parenting Advisory Panel in December 2012.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

6.1 Borough Solicitor

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

6.2 Borough Treasurer

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

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6.3 Equality Impact Assessment

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 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 The strategic risk identified is that if the service does not present an annual report of the work of the Adoption service to elected members the Council will be in breach of the National Minimum Standards for adoption. There are no changes completed or proposed in the content of the service that will constitute a strategic risk.

Other Officers

- 6.5 The Children's Social Care Management Team has considered and endorsed this Statement of Purpose.

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

Adoption Service Annual report 2011-12 [**annex 1**]
Annual Adoption Panel report 2011-12 [**annex 2**]

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