

**TO: CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL
10 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**INDEPENDENT REVIEWING OFFICER SERVICE: ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14
Director of Children, Young People and Learning**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report presents the 2013/14 Annual Report of the Independent Reviewing Officer Service which performs a key role in assuring the quality of the local authority's care planning for children who are looked after. The Annual Report supports the continuing development and review of the local strategy for Children's Services and is attached for consideration.

2 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 **That the Children, Young People and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Panel consider the 2013/14 Annual Report of the Independent Reviewing Officer Service.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 To enable the Panel to consider the 2013/14 Annual Report of the Independent Reviewing Officer Service.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

**5 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS / EQUALITIES
IMPACT ASSESSMENT / STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES /
CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 Not applicable.

Background Papers

None.

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