

**TO: EXECUTIVE MEMBER CHILDREN YOUNG PEOPLE & LEARNING**  
**DATE: 16 DECEMBER 2019**

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**LOCAL AUTHORITY DESIGNATED OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT:  
APRIL 2018 - MARCH 2019  
Executive Director, People**

**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 and Young People and Local Safeguarding Children's Board in line with statutory expectations and good practice.

**2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Local Authority Designated Officer (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 LADO annual report supports the continuing development and review of the local strategy for children's services. This report provides both information and analysis on the key undertakings of the LADO service and identifies any areas of improvement over the coming year required to ensure the continuing safety and wellbeing of children in our area.

**3 RECOMMENDATION**

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

**4 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.

**5 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

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

**6 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 6.1 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.

- 6.2 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 2018, Section 11 of The Children Act 2004 and Section 175 of the Education Act 2002

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

### Borough Solicitor

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

### Director of Finance

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

### Background Papers

#### Contact for further information

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