

To: EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & LEARNING

14TH SEPTEMBER 2020

**SHORT BREAK SERVICES STATEMENT FEBRUARY 2020
(For children and young people with disabilities and additional needs)
Interim Director of Children's Services**

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Every local authority has a duty to provide a range of short breaks to support children and young people with disabilities and their families. This duty is a requirement under The Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children Regulations 2011, Paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 of the Children Act 1989 and Section 25 of the Children and Young Persons Act 2008. This document sets out Bracknell Forest's Short Break Services to support children/young people (0-18) with disabilities and their families, and the criteria required in order to access them.
- 1.2 The Short Breaks Service sits within the Children's Specialist Support Team within Children's Social Care and liaises closely with social workers and family workers to offer the best support for children, young people and their families.

2 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That the Short Break Services Statement February 2020 [annex 1] is APPROVED.**

3 Reasons for Recommendation(S)

- 3.1 The Short Breaks Statement is to be reviewed every three years and this statement replaces the previous statement from September 2016. Part of the review was to remove jargon and make it very clear and simple for parents/carers and families to understand how The Short Break Service can support them.

4 Alternative Options Considered

- 4.1 None

5 Supporting Information

- 5.1 The Short Break Services Statement February 2020 (annex 1) attached.
- 5.2 There are sufficient resources available to meet the requirements of the Short Break Service.

6 Consultation and Other Considerations

Legal Advice

6.1 The legal issues are addressed in the report.

Financial Advice

6.2 The Director of Finance is satisfied that no significant financial implications arise from this report.

Other Consultation Responses

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Equalities Impact Assessment

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Strategic Risk Management Issues

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Background Papers

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