

**TO: EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & LEARNING**  
**25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

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## **LADO ANNUAL REPORT 2019/2020**

**Executive Director, People**

### **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) annual report 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**

- 2.1 At the end of 2019/20 reporting year there 205 referrals/requests for advice received by the LADO. The annual report provides quantitative and qualitative data analysis on the work undertaken by the during the reporting period.

### **3 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 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 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 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**

- 5.1 As the work activity and recommendations are statutory expectations and good practice, there are no alternatives.

### **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 CONSULTATION AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

### Borough Solicitor

- 7.1 The relevant legal issues are addressed within the report

### Borough Treasurer

- 7.2 The Director of Finance is satisfied that no significant financial implications are anticipated from this report.

### Other Consultation Responses

- 7.3 Not applicable

### Equalities Impact Assessment

- 7.4 No change of policy proposed – further EIA is not required at this stage.

### Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 7.5 None

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