

14 January 2013

Agenda Item: 8

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE

END OF YEAR REPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENT REVIEWING OFFICER SERVICE 2011-12

Purpose of the Report

1. To update members of the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee about the activities within the Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) service during April 2011 - March 2012. The report, attached as **Appendix 1**, focuses on the structure and management of the service along with the role of the IRO and its purpose to quality assure the care planning and review process for each child and to ensure each child's wishes and feelings are given full consideration.

Information and Advice

2. The report informs the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee about how the service has expanded in response to the growing number of the Looked After Children population in Nottinghamshire. The report details the work undertaken to develop the service and also identifies the key areas for development for 2012-2013.

Other Options Considered

3. The report is for noting only.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

4. The report is for noting only.

Statutory and Policy Implications

5. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the report be noted.

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Constitutional Comments

6. As this report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments (NDR 03/01/13)

7. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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