

Record of Decision

Fostering Service Annual Report 2016/17

Decision Taker

Deputy Mayor on 14 December 2017

Decision

That the Annual Fostering Report 2016/17 set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report be approved.

Reason for the Decision

To formally sign off the Fostering Service Annual Report for 2016/17.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on Wednesday, 3 January 2018 unless the call-in process is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The submitted report provided an update of the work of the Fostering Service for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017. The Fostering Service 2016/17 Report also highlighted the key areas for development for the current year which aimed to consolidate and enhance the progress to date:

- Maintaining positive relationships with foster carers to ensure participation in Practice and Service Improvement.
- Driving forward an energetic recruitment campaign to attract prospective foster carers to Torbay Council's Fostering service.
- Developing foster carer support groups (to include specific groups for connected carers and family to family), training for foster carers.
- Developing systems to ensure data capture is improved and informs service development and reports for the service going forward.
- Developing the foster carers' training programme to increase online resources.
- Reviewing and developing the foster carers' annual review process.

The Deputy Mayor considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) made on 14 December 2017 and his decision is set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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Signed: _____
The Deputy Mayor

Date: 18 December 2017