

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive Forward Plan Reference	E2215
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Annual Report of the Council's Duties in respect of Private Fostering arrangements

Decision maker/s	Cllr Christopher Watt, Cabinet Member for Children's Service
The Issue	This report details how the Council carries out its duties in respect of children and young people who are being looked after within private fostering arrangements in accordance with national regulations, minimum standards and guidance as detailed in The Children (Private Arrangements for Fostering) Regulations 2005
Decision Date	6 th January 2011
The decision	The Cabinet Member notes the report and requires the Service Manager (Assessment and Family Support) to provide an Annual Report on how the Council, working in partnership with members of the LSCB, safeguards and promotes the wellbeing of children and young people
Rationale for decision	The Council is required by legislation to carry out these duties and the compilation of a policy statement is seen as good practice
Financial and budget implications	There are currently no direct financial implications arising from this report. Existing duties in respect of privately fostered children will be carried out within existing resources. This position may need to be reviewed in the event of significant increases in notifications
Issues considered	Young People
Consultation undertaken	Stakeholders/Partners
How consultation was carried out	Consultation took place with staff across Children's Services and with representatives from all agencies on the LSCB and the Children Trust Executive
Other options considered	None. This is a statutory duty with which we have to comply. Producing this report represents good practice and is a demonstration of our corporate parenting duties

Signature of Decision Maker	
Date of Signature	
Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision	