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To: Corporate Parenting Panel – 21 July 2017

Subject: **INDEPENDENT REVIEWING SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2016/2017**

Classification: Unrestricted

Electoral Division: All

Summary: The Independent Reviewing Officer Annual Report for 2016/17 is attached as Appendix 1. This report provides an account of the performance of the Council's Independent Reviewing Officer Service for Children in Care from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017

Recommendation: Members of Corporate Parenting Panel are asked to **NOTE** and **COMMENT** on the Independent Reviewing Officer Annual Report and its findings.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Volume 2 of the Children Act 1989 regulations and statutory guidance (IRO Handbook) requires that the service manager of each local authority's Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) Service produce an annual report for the scrutiny of elected Members and the responsible local authority's corporate parenting board.
- 1.2 This reports sets out the work of the IRO Service, supported by findings from the Quality Assurance (QA) audit programme and monthly QA reporting.
- 1.3 The report includes both quantitative information about performance and the quality of practice as well as examples of the views of children/young people about the IRO service and Social Work practice.

2. Recommendation

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3. Background Documents

None

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