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To: Corporate Parenting Panel – 1st November 2018

Subject: INDEPENDENT REVIEWING SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2017//2018

Classification: Unrestricted

<p>Summary: The Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) Annual Report for 2017/187 is attached as Appendix 1. This report provides an account of the performance of the Council's IRO Service for Children in Care from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018</p> <p>Recommendation: Members of the Corporate Parenting Panel are asked to NOTE and COMMENT ON the Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) Annual Report and its findings.</p>
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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 report sets out the work of the IROs, 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.

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