

Report for: Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee

Item number: 7

Title: Independent Reviewing Officer's Annual Report 2021-2022

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Ward(s) affected: ALL

1. Describe the issue under consideration

This annual report has been produced in accordance with the requirements of the Adoption and Children Act 2002. The Independent Reviewing Service has a key role in assuring the quality of a Local Authority's care planning for looked after children and improving the overall standard of services offered.

2. Recommendations

That Members note report contents

3. Reasons for decision

N/A

4. Background information

The report outlines the achievements of Independent Reviewing Officers (IROs) and provides an introduction to the legal context of the role of the IRO, to the IRO team and an update on the progress on our priorities from last year and Haringey's current care population. It considers the timeliness of reviews, how IRO's raise concerns about a young person's care and the participation of young people and their families in statutory reviews. The report allows an opportunity to provide evidence of the work undertaken to date and outline the service development priorities for the next year.

5. Contribution to strategic outcomes

6. Use of Appendices

Appendix A – Independent Reviewing Officer's Annual Report 2021-2022

7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

N/A