

Report for: CPAC 4 November 2025

Item number: To be added by the Committee Section

Title: IRO annual 2024-25

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Ward(s) affected: N/A

**Report for Key/
Non Key Decision:** For Information and Noting

1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 This report produced by the Independent Reviewing Service, is prepared in accordance with the statutory requirement to inform the Corporate Parenting Board and senior leaders about the Council's performance in respect of children in the care of the local authority.

1.2 The report covers the reporting period April 2024 to March 2025.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A

3. Recommendations

3.1 That Members note the performance data as set out in appendix I.

4. Reasons for decision

4.1 This report is for information only

5. Alternative options considered

N/A

6. Background information

7. Contribution to the Corporate Delivery Plan 2022-2024 High level Strategic outcomes'?

N/A

8. Carbon and Climate Change

N/A

9. Statutory Officers comments (Director of Finance (procurement), Head of Legal and Governance, Equalities)

N/A

10. Use of Appendices

Appendix I – IRO annual report 2024-25

11. Background papers

N/A