

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Report

<b>Committee/Panel:</b>	Children and Families Advisory Panel
<b>Date:</b>	13 June 2017
<b>Title:</b>	Update To Children and Families Advisory Panel Terms of Reference
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Transformation and Governance

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### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide the Children and Families Advisory Panel with a proposed update to the Terms of Reference for the Panel to consider before presenting to a meeting of the County Council for approval.
- 1.2 This update has been made in light of the Terms of Reference remaining unchanged since the Panel's inception.
- 1.3 The current Terms of Reference are attached as Annex 1 for ease of reference.
- 1.4 The proposed update to the Terms of Reference is attached as Annex 2.

### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Children and Families Advisory Panel support the update to the Terms of Reference for consideration and approval by the County Council.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

**The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)**

Document

Location

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **1. Equality Duty**

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

**Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:**

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

### **1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

N/A

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

N/A

### **3. Climate Change:**

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

N/A

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

N/A

### **Current Terms of Reference**

To consider and advise the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services in relation to:

(i) the development of further strategies that will enhance the safeguarding of children in Hampshire and ensure that children in care in Hampshire achieve the best possible outcomes.

(ii) the performance of the Children and Families branch of the Children's Services Department and that of its partners in relation to such national and local targets as may be set.

(iii) the outcomes of Ofsted inspection of safeguarding, children in care, children's homes, fostering services and adoption services as they may arise from time to time and any actions that are required to improve services

(iv) excellent and innovative practice in children's social care settings from which others can learn.

(v) any matters that may arise in relation to the council's requirement to be corporate parents for children in care.

(vi) the views of children in care about the services they receive from the council.

## **Proposed Terms of Reference**

It is recommended the County Council approves:-

- a) That the terms of reference of the Children and Families Advisory Panel (“the Panel”) be updated as follows:

The Children and Families Advisory Panel is an Advisory Panel made up of 9 Members appointed proportionally and meeting three times a year. The Panels function is to advise the relevant Executive Member in relation to:

- (i) The development of further strategies that will enhance the safeguarding of children in Hampshire and ensure that children in care in Hampshire achieve the best possible outcomes.
- (ii) The performance of the Children and Families Branch of the Children's Services Department and that of its partners in relation to such national and local targets as may be set.
- (iii) The outcomes of Ofsted inspection of safeguarding, children in care, children's homes, fostering services and adoption services, as they may arise from time to time and any actions that are required to improve services
- (iv) Excellent and innovative practice in children's social care settings from which others can learn.
- (v) Any matters that may arise in relation to the Council's requirement to be corporate parents for children in care.
- (vi) The views of children in care about the services they receive from the Council.