

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

CHILDREN'S SERVICES CABINET MEMBER

REVISION TO THE CHILDREN'S HOMES STATEMENTS OF PURPOSE

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1. To inform the Children's Services Cabinet Member of revisions to the Statements of Purpose for Children's Homes in North Lincolnshire.

2 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Children's Homes Regulations 2001 state that the home must have in place a Statement of Purpose. Regulations also state that the Cabinet Member approves this on an annual basis.
- 2.2 The Statement of Purpose is central to the annual inspections of the homes undertaken by OfSTED.

3. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Following the yearly review of the Statements of Purpose for all the children's homes, revisions have been made which ensure they reflect current practice in the homes and the high standards achieved and maintained over a number of years as shown consistently in the reports of inspections undertaken by OfSTED.
- 3.2 The Statements of Purpose have also been updated to reflect any changes in staffing and include ongoing improvements and developments. They describe the role of the homes in meeting the '5 Outcomes' as highlighted in Every Child Matters and The Children Act 2004.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 The Statements of Purpose have been amended as required and have to be reported to Cabinet Member.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

- 5.1 Financial
None

5.2 Staffing

None

5.3 Property

None

5.4 IT

None

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 – CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)

6.1 The Statements of Purpose are a requirement under the Children's Homes Regulations 2001.

6.2 The Statement of Purpose for each home has to ensure it takes consideration of the child's individual needs including action to keep children safe, promote positive relationships with the community and reduce offending.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

7.1 Children in the homes are consulted in preparation of the Statements of Purpose. They will also, once they are approved, have full involvement in updating the homes' Children's Guides which will be based on the revised Statements of Purpose.

8 RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That the Children's Services Cabinet Member approves the revised Children's Homes Statements of Purpose.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

- The Grove Statement of Purpose
- Fieldside Statement of Purpose
- The Cygnets Statement of Purpose
- Poplar Drive Statement of Purpose