

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES  
CABINET MEMBER**

**CHILDREN'S HOMES STATEMENTS OF PURPOSE 2008/09**

**1 OBJECT AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF SUBJECT**

- 1.1 To seek approval from the Children's Services Cabinet Member for the Statements of Purpose for Children's Homes in North Lincolnshire.
- 1.2 The revised statements form the basis of the homes purpose and function and the Ofsted Inspection process for each home.

**2 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 Children's Homes are required by the Children's Homes Regulations 2001 to have in place a Statement of Purpose (SOP) that is reviewed on an annual basis and updated as appropriate.
- 2.2 The homes have had factual information checked and where appropriate updated i.e. contact names, etc. They have not revised their SOP in terms of service delivery.

**3 ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 The SOP for all the homes reflect the Every Child Matters, Outcomes Framework and reflect the specific accommodation needs of children within North Lincolnshire.
- 3.2 The SOP will ensure we are able to continue to work toward children living within their own or alternative family home whilst achieving a high standards of care for the children whilst they are in accommodation.
- 3.3 The SOP outlines the principles, aims, objectives and service capacity of the particular home and act as a baseline for the council, the children and families and Ofsted.
- 3.4 The SOP are for Fieldside House, Poplar Drive, The Grove and the Cygnets Children's Homes. The role and function of Fieldside and Poplar Drive link to the role of Intervention and Support. The SOP for Cygnets describes its role in delivering short breaks to Disabled Children.

#### **4 ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 These Statements comply with statutory guidance.

#### **5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

5.1 None

#### **6 OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)**

6.1 None

#### **7 OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION**

7.1 Children who live in our children homes have been involved in an ongoing process of consultation. These SOP do not alter the individual care of children and young people currently within the home.

#### **8 RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 That Children's Services Cabinet Member approves the Homes Statements of Purpose for North Lincolnshire Children's Homes for 2008/09.

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: SOP.**