

Item No. 8.	Classification: Open	Date: 8 November 2016	Meeting Name: Corporate Parenting Committee
Report title:		Independent Reviewing Officer Annual Report 2015/16	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Director, Children and Families	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the corporate parenting committee notes the Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) annual report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. An annual report of the independent reviewing officer (IRO) service for looked after children is required in guidance arising from the Adoption and Children Act 2002.
3. This report must be presented to the strategic director of children's and adults services, the lead member for children and the corporate parenting committee. The report contains a summary of work completed by Southwark IRO Service for the period 2015/16.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

4. Independent reviewing officer's are dedicated to improving outcomes for looked after children (LAC). They have a unique insight into every looked after child and are committed to driving improved outcomes for LAC.
5. The IRO service is dedicated to ensuring good outcomes for LAC are achieved and enables the corporate parenting committee to hold services to account.
6. This report contains a summary of work completed by Southwark IRO Service for the period 2015/16 as set out in Appendix 1.

Community impact statement

7. The decision to note this report has been judged to have no or a very small impact on local people and communities.
8. The work of the IROs is intended to improve the outcome for looked after children.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
None		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Independent Reviewing Officers Annual Report 2015/16

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Alisdair Smith, Director, Children and Families	
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Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	No	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
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