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| <b>Report title:</b>               |                                | Fostering Service Annual Report 2015-16 |  |
| <b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b> |                                | All                                     |  |
| <b>From:</b>                       |                                | Director, Children and Families         |  |

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That the corporate parenting committee notes the annual report of Southwark Fostering Service 2015/16.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The purpose of the annual report document is to report on the activity of the Fostering Service fulfilling obligations in the Fostering Services Regulations (2011) to review and improve the quality of care, and National Minimum Standards (2011) to report to the executive side of the local authority. It will cover: performance and developments in Southwark's delivery of fostering services; how the council is compliant with key national minimum standards; and the service offered to those seeking to foster and those children in care who are fostered.

## KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

3. Southwark fostering service continues to provide good quality care for a significant proportion of children and young people in care to the council.
4. The annual report is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

## Community impact statement

5. Southwark is committed to ensuring children looked after by its fostering service, from all parts of the community, are enabled to live close to their communities as far as possible and appropriate and with families able to meet most of their needs.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

| Background Papers | Held At | Contact |
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| None              |         |         |

## APPENDICES

| No.        | Title                                       |
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| Appendix 1 | Annual Report – Southwark Fostering Service |

## AUDIT TRAIL

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| Director of Law and Democracy   | No  | No                       |
| Strategic Director of Finance and Governance                            | No  | No                       |
| <b>Cabinet Member</b>   | No  | No                       |
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