

CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE



Report subject	IRO Annual Report 2023-2024
Meeting date	28 January 2025
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	The IRO annual report sets out information in respect of BCPs Children in Care and the performance of the IRO Service. The summary gives a short overview of service progression and areas for development going forward.
Recommendations	It is RECOMMENDED that: Report to be discussed at the meeting.
Reason for recommendations	To obtain feedback from board members and answer any questions board members may have.
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Wards	Council Wide
Classification	For Information.

Background

1. The report provides an annual overview of the performance of the IRO service and BCP's Children in Care profile. The summary sets out the highlights and areas for development.

Options Appraisal

2. None.

Summary of financial implications

3. The IRO Service has a statutory service in place to monitor the local authority's performance and approach to it's children in care and care experienced young people.

Summary of legal implications

4. None

Summary of human resources implications

5. Currently none

Summary of sustainability impact

6. None

Summary of public health implications

7. None

Summary of equality implications

8. Children and young people who are in care or care experienced will be afforded the same care and opportunities as those children and young people who live with their parents or extended family. The role of an IRO and social worker, is to be aspirational for all our looked after children and care experienced young people in order for them to grow up and meet their full potential.

Appendices

Appendix 1: IRO Annual Report 2023-2024