Fostering Annual Report 2021-22

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 18 January 2022.

Decision

That the Fostering Annual Report 2021-22 as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report be noted and published in accordance with the Council's requirements.

Reason for the Decision

The National Minimum Standards for Fostering required each Local Authority to produce and publish a Fostering Annual Report. The Annual Report should be considered in conjunction with the Fostering Service Statement of Purpose, required under the Fostering Services (England) Regulations 2011. Given the importance of the work of the Fostering Service in the wider context of Children's Services and the sufficiency strategy, wider political oversight was sought.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 1 February 2022 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The Fostering Annual Report sets out Torbay's vision for the Fostering Service, its core principles, its key aims, main priorities and actions, the role of the Fostering Service and its various functions, the Fostering Service organisational structure, recruitment performance information, an outline of the fostering recruitment and marketing strategy and campaign, improvements in terms of foster carer support and retention, information relating to the Special Guardianship support team and next steps.

At the meeting Councillor Law proposed and Councillor Stockman seconded a motion that was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet, as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None.

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the

Standards Committee)

None.

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Signed: _____ Date: _____
               Deputy Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet