

Corporate Parenting Board

30 November 2022

Quality Assurance and Reviewing Officer (QARO/IRO) Annual Report 2021-2022

For Review and Consultation

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Brief Summary:

This Annual Quality Assurance & Reviewing Officer (QARO/IRO) Report provides quantitative and qualitative evidence relating to the QARO Service in the Dorset Council which incorporates the role of the IRO as required by statutory guidance. The Annual Report must be presented to Corporate Parenting Board and the Safeguarding Children Partnership.

Recommendation:

Members are requested to note the content and actively consider and comment upon the strengths and future recommendations.

Reason for Recommendation:

To be assured that the report has identified the strengths and areas for development that will strengthen the work we do as corporate parents. To ensure children and young people in Dorset will be happy, safe and have opportunities to reach their goals.

1. **Financial Implications**
N/A
2. **Environmental Implications**
None identified
3. **Well-being and Health Implications**
None identified
4. **Other Implications**
None identified
5. **Risk Assessment**
Not applicable
6. **Equalities Impact Assessment**
Not applicable
7. **Appendices**
Appendix 1: IRO Annual Report 2021 - 2022
8. **Background Papers**
None