

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CABINET MEMBER**

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE FOR SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP 2021/22**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek Cabinet Member approval of the Statement of Purpose for Special Guardianship 2021/22 and the Young Person's Statement of Purpose for Special Guardianship 2021/22.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 It is not a regulatory requirement to have a Statement of Purpose for Special Guardianship arrangements, though as good practice a Statement of Purpose for Special Guardianship has been prepared in line with the Fostering and Adoption Statements of Purpose.
- 2.2 Statement of Purpose for Special Guardianship 2021/22 - This is the first Statement of Purpose for Special Guardianship that has been completed and sets out the context in which support is provided to those who care for children through Special Guardianship arrangements.
- 2.3 Young Person's Statement of Purpose for Special Guardianship 2021/22 - This is the first Statement of Purpose for Young People in respect to Special Guardianship. It is intended to be an abbreviated version of the main Statement of Purpose, specifically designed for use with children and young people.

**3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 To approve the Statement of Purpose for Special Guardianship 2021/22 and the Young Person's Statement of Purpose for Special Guardianship 2021/22.

**4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

- 4.1 It is not a regulatory requirement to have a Statement of Purpose for Special Guardianship arrangements, though as good practice the

Statement of Purpose for Special Guardianship has been prepared in line with the Fostering and Adoption Statements of Purpose.

4.2 The Statement of Purpose may be accepted without changes, or amendments as deemed appropriate by the Cabinet Member will be included in the Statement of Purpose.

**5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)**

5.1 This Statement of Purpose includes the base rate for Special Guardianship Means Tested Allowances 2021 - 2022. These are in line with the Level 1 rate for foster carers in North Lincolnshire.

5.2 There will be a financial cost that we have to apply and therefore will have to be accounted for.

**6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)**

6.1 None

**7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

7.1 Not applicable

**8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

8.1 Consultation has taken place with relevant stakeholders as appropriate. There are no conflicts of interest.

**9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 That Cabinet Member approves the changes to the Statement of Purpose for Special Guardianship 2021/22 and the Young People's Statement of Purpose for Special Guardianship 2021/22.

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:** Statement of Purpose for Special Guardianship 2021/22 and Young Person's Statement of Purpose for Special Guardianship 2021/22