

18. CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

The Council considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Social Work Officer providing a copy of the Chief Social Work Officer's Annual Report 2017-18.

The Scottish Government published national guidance for local authorities on the appointment and responsibilities of Chief Social Work Officers, including related reporting arrangements. The arrangements in West Lothian were consistent with this guidance.

The Chief Social Work Officer Report provided an overview of the role and responsibilities of the Chief Social Work Officer and outlined the governance arrangements that were in place in West Lothian. The report highlighted the Council's statutory duties, the decisions that were delegated to the Chief Social Work Officer and provided a summary of service performance.

It was recommended that Council :-

1. Note the contents of the Chief Social Work Officer's annual report for 2017-18; and
2. Note that the report had been submitted to the Scottish Government Chief Social Work Advisor.

Decision

To note the terms of the report