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**Together or Apart? Assessing siblings for permanent placement**

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**Reason for the Report**

1. This report is presented in response to a request from Councillor David Walker for clarification on the policy relating to siblings being separated or kept together during fostering

**Background**

2. In response a report is provided by the Assistant Director Children's Services at Appendix A.

**Financial Implications**

3. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

**Legal Implications**

4. There are no legal implications arising from this report.

**RECOMMENDATION**

5. The recommendation is to note the information provided.

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